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Adani saga worries neighbourhood

The group has interests in power and port projects across the region, and New Delhi is emphasising that any setback to these won't affect ties

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Caught between a row over the price of coal and this week's crash in the share valuations and credit ratings of the Adani Group, a power project being implemented by the firm in Bangladesh, planned as a major Indian infrastructure push to provide electricity, may be delayed by another six months, local reports said.

The project is one of a number in the neighbourhood – including those in Sri Lanka, Nepal and Myanmar – that have accompanied the Narendra Modi government's "Neighbourhood First" initiative in the past few years. Highlighting the big-ticket announcements, group chairperson Gautam Adani met with regional leaders, including Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, in September 2022 and the then Sri Lankan President, Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Adani family members had met with senior officials from Myanmar and even Indonesia.

However, with the group's slide in fortunes and the cancellation of the Adani Enterprises follow-on public offer, governments in neighbouring countries are watching the company's market situation closely, even as the External Affairs Ministry made it clear that any setback to projects would not affect ties, emphasising that the Adani stock's fall was "not a foreign policy issue". "If a certain project is not working for financial or economic reasons, I don't think that is a reflection on the relationship," Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi said on Thursday.

The Adani proposal for a wind energy project off the Mannar coast has triggered a row. GETTY IMAGES

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Veteran singer Vani Jairam no more

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Veteran playback singer Vani Jairam, who sang over 10,000 songs across several Indian languages, died here on Saturday. She was 77. In a career spanning over five decades, the renowned singer had lent her voice to several songs across 19 languages.

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Insurance companies under scanner for rampant tax evasion

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Income Tax Department is likely to start prosecuting insurance companies soon for rampant irregularities and "tax evasion" in the commission payments made to agents while bypassing norms laid down by the insurance regulator, India's direct tax department head has said.

"Only recently we mounted some actions and found a lot of irregularities in the way they were paying commission. All the insurance companies, be it any insurance company you name," Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Chairperson Nitin Gupta told *The Hindu*.

"We have come out with [findings of] rampant tax evasion and avoidance of the measures in a way to overcome the limits laid by the regulatory authority. And because you are bypassing the law laid down by the regulatory authority, that expenditure is impermissible under the Income Tax Act too," he said.

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Cost of holding polls in State put at ₹511 crore

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It will cost an average of over ₹2.2 crore to elect an MLA in the forthcoming Assembly elections, as per the Election Commission's (EC) estimation of expenses for conducting polls later this year. » Page 5

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'Adani crash will not have any impact on economy'

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Facing questions on whether the ongoing Adani Group issue could snowball into a major financial crisis and what steps the government was taking on this front, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday said that regulators would do their job.

"You had the Reserve Bank commenting on this on Friday. Though not regulators, the banks and LIC themselves had come out to say what their level of exposure is [to the Adani Group]," she said. "So the regulators will do their job," she said, responding to a question on the beleaguered group. "And the regulators are independent of the government. They are left to do what is appropriate. To keep the regulated market in prime condition, the SEBI is the authority, and it has the wherewithal to keep the markets' prime condition intact," she said.

On whether the withdrawal of the follow-on public offer by Adani Enterprises would have any impact on the economy or dent India's image, she said $8 billion had come into India over the last two days and said that proved the economy was intact.

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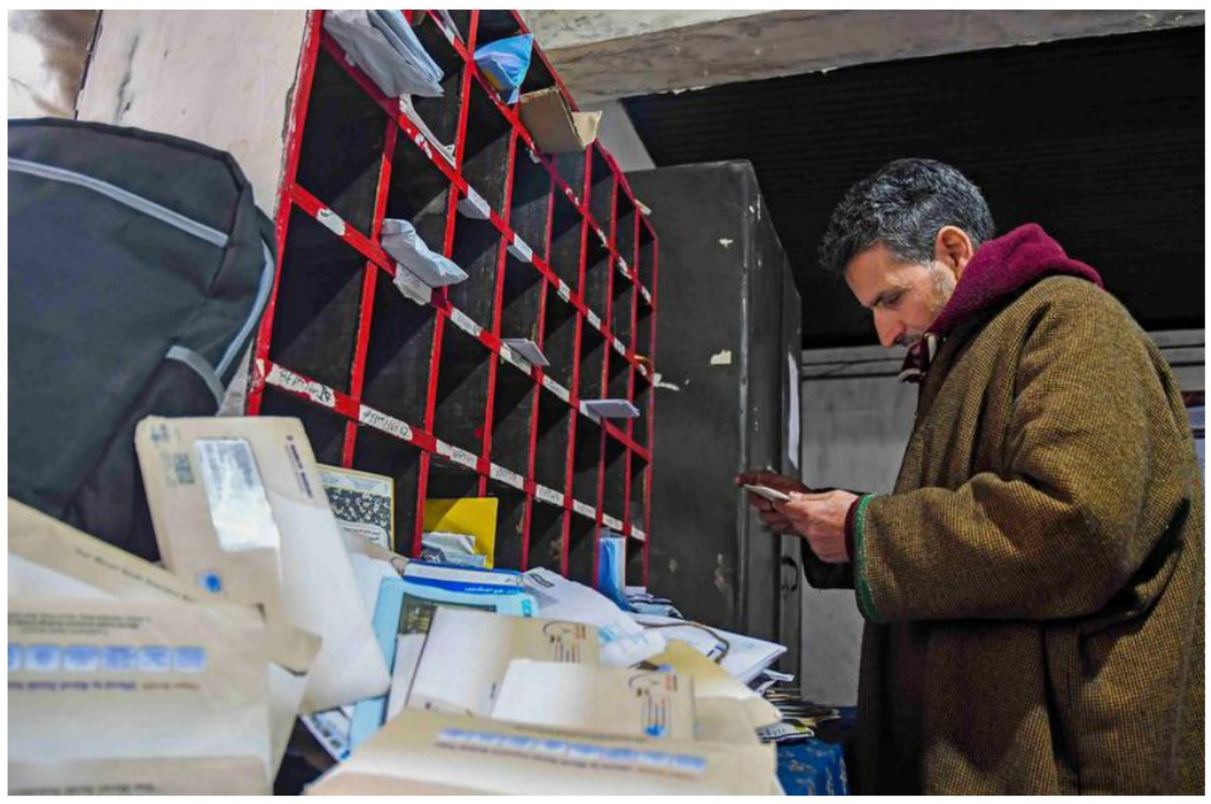

Duty calls: An employee, bundled up in winter wear, picks up his quota of deliveries in a post office in Shopian district in south Kashmir.

White knight: Branch postmaster Ulfat Banoo trudges through newly fallen snow to deliver mail in Hirpora in Shopian district.

Hot mail

In far-flung areas of Kashmir, the snow and rain are no match for the valiant employees of the Postal Department

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When it comes to delivery parcels and the post, Ulfat Bano remains undeterred by the professional hazard of thick blankets of snow every winter. A branch Postmaster in the far-flung village of Hirpora, Shopian, in south Kashmir, 70 km from the capital Srinagar, she takes on this challenge with zest. She never fails in deliveries within the jurisdiction of her post office even in these harsh weather conditions.

"We face a lot of difficulties and challenges in snow, but this is exactly what our job is: to deliver letters and packets to people. Of course, we have challenges. Right now, five feet of snow has accumulated, and a lot of areas have been cut off," says Ms. Bano.

Mudasir Yaqoob, a resident of Hipora, is full of praise for the service rendered by the post office personnel. "These employees go from house to house to ensure smooth delivery even in harsh weather and ensure that the facility remains available to common people," said Mr. Yaqoob.

Muhammad Shafi of Dachna village in Shopian says, "Post offices are very important in far-flung areas, as people remain disconnected with the world due to several reasons." He says that the post is delivered every day without fail.

Snow or shine, the post can't be delayed, says Faizan, who works as a postman in a branch post office.

"Even though we don't have any means of transportation in this weather, and we have to cover the distances on foot, speed post has to be delivered the same day. We have to give a report in the evening on whether the said post was delivered on the same day," he says.

As the saying attributed to Greek historian Herodotus goes, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these courageous couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

Warm moment: After the tedious walk, Ulfat Bano is all smiles as she gives a letter to a resident of Hirpora.

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Namma Metro trains between K.R. Puram and Whitefield to run at frequency of 10 minutes

BMRCL will deploy five sets of trains (six coaches each) to provide services between the two points

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Namma Metro trains on the Whitefield line will be operated at a frequency of 10 minutes between K.R. Puram and Whitefield. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will deploy five sets of trains (six coaches each) to provide services between the two points.

BMRCL plans to open the Whitefield metro line (extended Purple Line) in two phases. The 13-km stretch from Whitefield to K.R. Puram will be opened for commercial operations by March. The line is likely to be opened before the model code of conduct comes into force. The rest of the line – from K.R. Puram to Baiyappanahalli – will be opened by mid-year.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez said, "We have already shifted four of our metro trains to the Whitefield depot, and they will be used for starting commercial operations. Five sets of trains are sufficient to start services. If required, additional trains will be deployed."

The BMRCL plans to open the Whitefield metro line (extended Purple Line) in two phases.K. MURALI KUMAR

When asked whether BMRCL received any proposal to run trains late at night, as many companies work round-the-clock, an official said, "There is no proposal to run trains late at night. We will stick to the existing schedule."

Once the entire line becomes operational, the ridership is expected to rise by 2.5 lakh per day.

To make commuting hassle-free, the BMRCL recently signed an agreement with the Information Technology Park Limited (ITPL) to provide direct access from the concourse level of Pattandur Agrahara metro station to International Tech Park Bengaluru (ITPB). This is expected to help 55,000 professionals.

At present, the metro services are available till Baiyappanahalli. The distance between Baiyappanahalli and K.R. Puram metro station is around 2.5 km. This will be a missing link on the line till the Baiyappanahalli - K.R. Puram segment is opened.

BMRCL has launched an open web girder across Bengaluru - Salem railway track near Benniganahalli. By the end of the month, traction and works are likely to be completed. BMRCL said that a feeder service will be deployed between the two stations, till the entire extended Purple Line becomes operational.

Maximum fare likely to be revised

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the past, BMRCL had revised the fare structure when a new reach of Namma Metro became operational.

BMRCL Managing Director Anjum Parwez said decisions on fares are taken by a committee headed by a retired judge of the High Court of Karnataka.

The BMRCL will seek revision in the maximum fare applicable once the chairman of the committee is appointed. "At present, the maximum fare in the city is ₹60. As we are operationalising an additional 15 km, a revision in the maximum fare is required," he said.

The minimum fare is ₹10.

Once the entire Purple Line becomes operational, people will be able to travel from Kengeri to Whitefield. A small portion of the line on Mysuru Road – from Kengeri to Challaghatta – is expected to be opened this year.

Rebate offer: Traffic police collect ₹6.8 crore on second day

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

On the second day of the 50% rebate offer on the payment of pending fines for traffic violations, Traffic Management Centre officials collected ₹6.8 crore, which is ₹1.2 crore more than the first day.

According to a release, a total of ₹6,80,72,500 against 2,52,520 traffic violations was collected. The total fine amount collected since the launch of the scheme is ₹13,81,13,621 against 4,77,298 traffic violations.

People at the Traffic Management Centre to pay pending traffic fines in Bengaluru on Saturday. K. MURALI KUMAR

On Thursday the government announced 50% concession on pending fines till February 11.

Post offices in IT capital are not so digital yet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

If you have visited a post office, chances are that you might have struggled to get change. While there is a strong push everywhere towards digital transactions, post offices seem to be lagging. Even though QR codes have been provided by the India Post, staff often do not accept digital payments citing logistical reasons.

The General Post Office (GPO), the biggest in the city, is no exception, according to frequent visitors.

"I had been to the GPO to get franking (postage printing) for around 60 registered posts. While the process was smooth, I was under the impression that I could do a digital payment. However, the staff later informed me that they do not accept digital payments," said Vijay Kumar, a businessman.

At another post office in Thippasandra, a customer was forced to buy more stamps simply because the staff did not have change or digital payment modes.

"All I needed was a few stamps and even though I carried cash, I had to buy more due to a lack of change. This problem would not have arisen if I could make the payment through my phone," said Harika D.

Some post offices do accept digital payments for deposits in savings bank accounts or insurance premium payments. The problem of change is mostly for smaller transactions, as the staff say it gets difficult to keep track of online payments when there are more customers.

"It becomes difficult to keep track of whether the transaction has been completed," said an officer at Vimanapura post office.

Another officer said the fear of online scams keeps them from fully embracing digital payments.

S. Rajendra Kumar, Chief Post Master General (CPMG), Karnataka Circle, said customers can raise complaints if digital transactions are not accepted at post offices.

"Currently, the process of digital payments is a little time-consuming and we are working on reducing this. We will take more steps to ensure that digital transactions happen in all post offices," he said.

(With inputs from Vidhatri C.H. and Donata John)

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Universities asked to mobilise students for Modi event

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The State government has directed all universities in Bengaluru city to mobilise students for the 'India Energy Week-2023', which will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 6 at the International Exhibition Centre, Bengaluru.

The programme has been organised by the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

The letter by Principal Secretary for Higher Education said: "After the inaugural function, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the E-20 Energy Week and the vehicles' rally. Therefore, a student force is needed for security arrangements, medical emergencies, fire safety and other services. So, we request you to mobilise at least 1,000 to 1,500 students from universities, and ensure the success of the event".

Graduation ceremony held

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The Krishnadevaraya College of Dental Sciences' graduation ceremony was held recently.

Addressing the gathering, Principal Ponnanna A.A. presented the annual report.

N. Ramakrishna Reddy, Registrar - Evaluation, RGUHS; A.C. Chandrashekar Raju, president, Sri KET; K.V. Sekhar Raju, vice-president, Sri KET, along with other dignitaries inaugurated the event.

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A day's work: The buzz inside a post office never ebbs, despite the challenges of harsh weather in the remote areas of Kashmir.

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Communication link: The post office offers a vital service for those living in remote villages.

Last mile: A man signs for his post on a snow-covered hill on the outskirts of Srinagar.

False claims over affiliation: Around 700 schools in Karnataka served notice

Department of School Education and Literacy has formed a three-member committee, headed by BEOs, in every taluk to check affiliation of schools

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

There have been protests by parents over schools claiming to be affiliated to Central boards, but in reality were under the State board. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) has issued notices to around 700 school managements, which were affiliated to the State board, but had allegedly made claims to be running "Central Board schools" illegally. Over 600 of them are in Bengaluru.

This follows protests by parents of children studying in some branches of Orchids The International Schools, over the alleged misleading claim that they were running a Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)-affiliated school, while they were affiliated to the State Board.

The department has formed a three-member committee, headed by Block Education Officers (BEOs) in every taluk, to check the schools' affiliation and other issues in their jurisdiction. There are also several cases where schools are being run illegally without affiliation to any of the boards, sources said.

"If there are any unregistered private schools running, we need to close them. But if the schools have been registered, but are affiliated to one board and are claiming that they are affiliated to another, and are teaching that syllabus, we will have to take action according to the Karnataka Education Act," said Vishal R., Commissioner for the Department of Public Instruction.

Many private schools in Karnataka, those affiliated with the State board, are illegally running schools claiming to be affiliated with either the CBSE or the Indian Certificate Secondary Education (ICSE), cheating the department and parents.

Schools mostly resort to these measures as they collect a fat fee, claiming to be running a 'Central board' school, sometimes several times more than the State board schools, sources said.

The schools' claims were exposed after the State government decided to hold public exams for Classes V and VIII, forcing these schools teaching the Central syllabus to distribute State board textbooks and start teaching students to prepare them for the exams.

While this triggered protests by parents of Orchids The International School, there are several hundred schools indulging in the same, it now turns out.

P. Bylanjanappa, DDPI, Bengaluru South, said the three-member committee has issued schools a questionnaire. Based on their reply, further action will be taken, he added.

Notice to M.S. Dhoni Global School

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of School Education and Literacy has issued notice to the M.S. Dhoni Global School, at Kudlu Gate, Bengaluru, for operating without any affiliation to any board.

Former India cricket captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni is listed as a mentor.

"The M.S. Dhoni Global School started classes in the academic year 2021-22, but unauthorisedly. It was only a week ago that the school got a no-objection certificate from the State government. This school has never been affiliated to either the State board or any of the Central boards, and hence is running illegally. Therefore, we issued a notice to the school management concerned," said P. Bylanjanappa, DDPI, Bengaluru South.

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Student critically injured in accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 21-year-old MBA student was critically injured when a car knocked her down, while she was crossing the road to her college on Kengeri Road recently. Swathi who has been injured severely, with multiple fractures, has been admitted to a private hospital, where she is recovering.

According to the police, Ms. Swathi was crossing the road to get into BIMS College campus at around 1.30 p.m. when the car knocked her down.

In the impact, Ms. Swathi was thrown up in the air and fell down on the road, sustaining severe injuries.

The car, belonging to an MBBS student, sped away, but was later tracked down and the driver booked for rash and negligent driving.

Ms. Swathi is a native of Hubballi, living in a paying guest accommodation in Pattanagere.

Students of the college vented their ire against the authorities concerned, demanding road safety measures. "There were speed breakers in front of the college which were removed during a recent VVIP movement There is no skywalk in place to cross the busy street, endangering the lives of pedestrians, especially students," one of the students said.

The speed breaker was removed when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Kengeri last year, sources said.

Refuting the allegations, the traffic police said that the elevated pedestrian crossing was in place and the skywalk, which is almost ready, will be operational in the next few days.

Chief Civic Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that if the traffic police request a speed breaker, the civic body will put up one.

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RISE 18:58	SET 07:11
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TAMIL

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TAMIL

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HINDU VALLUVAN, Swathi, Age 33, 178cm Business, own house, Chennai based seeks good looking and good family bride Ct: 9884629313/ 9342278981

NADAR, WELL to do reputed family, Chennai, Seeks Good looking, Educated Bride from Affluent, good family background for their Son, 28/ 179 BE, MS working in USA with clean habits and character. Ct: 9444055509

MUDALIAR 28/175, Handsome,B.E, Technical Lead, HCL,1350000. PA,Affluent Family, CNB. 7299576644,7299576666

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MUDALIYAR 43 ME Phd professor pvt, Chennai.Rs.1.2 Lpm wanted bride . subcaste ok: 8056782946 & 8056891976.

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BRAHMIN, 42, ASSOC

Election Commission pegs cost of holding Assembly polls at an estimated ₹511 crore

During the Assembly elections in 2018, the poll panel had spent ₹394 crore, an average of ₹1.75 crore per constituency

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

The State government had set aside ₹300 crore for poll preparations in the supplementary estimates tabled in December last year during the legislature session in Belagavi. FILE PHOTO

It will cost an average of over ₹2.2 crore to elect an MLA in the forthcoming Assembly elections, as per the Election Commission's (EC) estimation of expenses for conducting polls later this year. The overall election expenses are likely to be around ₹511 crore.

During the previous Assembly election in 2018, the EC had incurred expenses of around ₹394 crore, an average of ₹1.75 crore each constituency. In 2013, the expenditure was around ₹160 crore at an average of ₹65 lakh per constituency.

"With price rise and inflation, the cost of poll machinery and infrastructure will see a steep rise. The expenses per constituency may vary depending on its size and number of polling stations, but will be more or less over ₹2 crore," Manoj Kumar Meena, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Karnataka, told *The Hindu* on Saturday. "This will apart from expenses that we may incur for any re-election/bypoll, if required," he said.

The State government had set aside ₹300 crore for poll preparations in the supplementary estimates tabled in December last year during the legislature session in Belagavi. "The remaining ₹ 211 crore will be sanctioned in the coming Budget. Our total demand is around ₹511 crore," Mr. Meena said.

Pointing out that over 45% of the total Budget will be spent on poll day expenses including transportation, the CEO said, "Printing of electoral rolls and EPIC cards apart from conducting voter awareness campaigns, remuneration of polling personnel and election observers will be the other major components. This is expected as the cost of poll-related consumables has steeply increased." Besides, the voter population and the number of polling stations have also gone up slightly.

"The other major spending will be towards training of personnel, EVM awareness and EVM transportation, expenses on counting day apart from strong room arrangements," Mr. Meena said.

While expenses on the main security arrangements will be borne separately by the State government through the Police Department, around 10% of the total expenditure will be on setting up checkposts with CCTV cameras and mobile squads for various polls related duties, including monitoring expenditure by candidates.

To ensure free and fair elections, web-casting has to be done in all critical and sensitive polling stations, counting centres and police checkposts where internet connection is feasible and in the remaining, videography is done by fixed cameras. EC is planning awareness drives including demonstration of VVPAT and EVMs.

Pradhan, Mandaviya, and Annamalai given charge of BJP's State poll campaign

The Hindu Bureau
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(From top) Dharmendra Pradhan, Mansukh Mandaviya, and K. Annamalai.

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Karnataka on Monday, BJP president J.P. Nadda announced that Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan will be party in-charge for the upcoming State Assembly elections, with Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya and BJP Tamil Nadu president K. Annamalai as co-incharge. Karnataka is to go to polls in April-May.

Though initially only Mr. Annamalai was appointed as co-incharge to assist Mr. Pradhan, hours later J.P. Nadda appointed Mr. Mandaviya also to assist Mr. Pradhan. Mr. Mandaviya, hailing from Gujarat, is considered close to both Mr. Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. "His appointment is an indication that the Modi-Shah duo wants to personally supervise and steer the poll campaign in the State," a senior leader in the party said.

Mr. Pradhan is a veteran party organisation man with past experience of Karnataka affairs. He was the party's national general secretary in-charge of the State from 2011 to 2013, during a difficult phase when B.S. Yediyurappa walked out of the party to form the Karnataka Janata Party (KJP), grounding BJP in the State in the 2013 Assembly elections. He was the observer from the party high command when Mr. Yediyurappa resigned as Chief Minister and was succeeded by Basavaraj Bommai in July 2020.

"He has the organisational heft and skills to navigate a difficult election when the party is facing anti-incumbency. From his earlier stints in party affairs in the State, it can be said that he is a very pragmatic man with the party's interests in mind, rather than falling prey to factionalism within the State unit. This was evident during the difficult assignment he was on to choose the successor to Mr. Yediyurappa in 2020," a senior party leader said.

Mr. Annamalai is a 2011 batch Indian Police Service officer from the Karnataka cadre. He resigned from service in 2019 and joined the BJP in his home State of Tamil Nadu. Mr. Annamalai has served in various regions of Karnataka.

'Those resigning after election must be barred from contesting for 10 years'

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There should be a 10-year ban on contesting elections on those resigning after getting elected and the cost of holding the election should be recovered from them, recommended H.N. Nagamohan Das, former judge of the Karnataka High Court.

He was speaking at a panel discussion on 'Karnataka Assembly Elections -Perspectives', organised by the Forum for Democracy and Communal Amity, Karnataka chapter, in Bengaluru on Saturday.

"The Representation of the People Act and the anti-defection law have failed and the Supreme Court too has missed a golden opportunity of laying down the law when the minority became a majority and the majority became a minority after the last Karnataka election," he lamented.

'Replace system'

The long-term measure is to replace the First-Past-the-Post System with the Proportional Representation System so that if one person resigns, his place will be taken by the person next in line without the need for a fresh election, he said.

'Not working'

Ravivarma Kumar, former Advocate General and Senior Counsel of Karnataka High Court, who spoke on criminalisation of elections, said that "our Constitution and laws have given us enough answers on how criminals in politics should be curbed, but sadly, these do not seem to be working."

BJP to take out four simultaneous yatras; all 224 seats to be covered

BJP leaders at the special meeting of the State executive in Bengaluru on Saturday. PTI

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BENGALURU

Amidst the Opposition Congress and the Janata Dal (Secular) touring the State with Praja Dhwani and Pancharatna yatras, the BJP has decided to take out four simultaneous yatras across the State as part of the campaign for the upcoming Assembly polls. The four yatras will be led by four groups of leaders in a bid to project collective leadership, party sources said.

The decision was taken by the party that met for a brainstorming session at the special meeting of the State executive in the city on Saturday. The yatras will start from Male Mahadeshwara Hills, Chamarajanagar in district, Bengaluru city, Sangolli Rayanna's birthplace Nandagad in Belagavi district, and Basavakalyan in Bidar district, after the conclusion of the Budget session, N. Ravikumar, general secretary, BJP, Karnataka said. These yatras will cover all the 224 Assembly constituencies, he added.

Yediyurappa's role

Even as former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has publicly expressed willingness to tour the entire State ahead of elections; factions within the party have been wary of letting him lead the campaign. The former Chief Minister has been unhappy about attempts by factions within the State unit trying to sideline him, including at the series of Jana Spandana rallies.

However, as he continues to be the tallest mass leader in the State unit of the party, several incumbent MLAs and aspirants for tickets who have already begun working in their constituencies have been demanding that Mr. Yediyurappa campaign for them, sources said. However, Mr. Yediyurappa has not been independently touring the State yet, waiting for a clearance from the high command, sources said.

The four simultaneous yatras, each team consisting of several leaders, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, State president Nalin Kumar Kateel, and Mr. Yediyurappa, is seen as an attempt to prevent Mr. Yediyurappa from dominating the campaign. "Now that Mr. Yediyurappa has retired from electoral politics, the party cannot continue to depend on him alone. Strategically too, he becoming the face of the campaign when he will not even be contesting for assembly does not augur well for the party," a senior leader said.

Cong. hits out at BJP on allegations related to CD scandal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Congress in the Legislative Council B.K. Hariprasad on Saturday described Home Minister Amit Shah as "an expert on CDs" and that former BJP Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi had approached Mr. Shah in Delhi for seeking his suggestion.

Congress MLA Priyank Kharge said if there was any evidence in Mr. Jarkiholi's allegations then the government should order a CBI probe into alleged involvement of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar in the release of a sex CD two years ago, involving the BJP MLA, which resulted in him relinquishing ministership.

The CBI probe will be ordered if allegations are within the limits of the law and not by approaching Mr. Shah, they said, and hit out at Mr. Jarkiholi for making baseless allegations.

Flyover opposed

Speaking at a press conference here, the Congress leaders said the party would strongly oppose the government's move to construct a flyover at Sankey Tank road in Bengaluru.

State to lead India's journey towards becoming a developed nation, says Piyush Goyal

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

India is on the path of a rapid transformation to emerge as a developed nation and Karnataka, the of jewel of the country, would spearhead this transformation, said Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs here on Saturday. He said the Union Budget 2023-24 was the first step towards the country's journey towards becoming a developed nation.

In a post-Budget interactive session, he said the capital expenditure of the Central government four years ago, was ₹3.5 lakh crore. This rose to ₹5.5 lakh crore, then to ₹7.5 lakh crore, and now to ₹10 lakh crore, he said.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bangalore - 560 020

No. BDA/EE(S)/Services-14/2022-23 Date: 06.02.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER

(Through GoK e-procurement platform http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

Short-term tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement platform for the following work by the Executive Engineer, South Division, Bengaluru on behalf of the Commissioner, BDA, Bengaluru from the intending tenderers. **Name of the work: Collection of Parking fee for Vehicles Parked in the Vehicle Parking area at BSK 2nd Stage, BDA Shopping Complex, Bengaluru. (INDENT NO: BDA/2022-23/Services No-14).**

EMD: **Rs.2,50,000/-.** Tender processing fee : **Refer e-procurement portal.** For further details, please log on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or call e-procurement Helpdesk on 080-46010000/22631200.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, South Division, BDA, Bengaluru.
BDA/PRO/TN/39/2022-23

BENGALURU SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
Office of the Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML, 2nd Floor, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. DGM-2/BSWML/TEND/ 16/2022-23 Date: 04.02.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS (IFT)
(Through e-procurement portal) (Two Cover Tender)

Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML invites tenders on behalf of the Managing Director, BSWML, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the works	Approx. Estimate Cost (Amount in Lakhs)	EMD
1	Construction of Yogi Narayana Dhyana Mandira and other works at Amruthanagar New Ward No. 09 Amruthahalli and Improvements to Footpath and Asphalting to Rajivgandhinagar(NTI Layout) Railway Parallel road with Footpath and street Lights **(Package-1).**	500.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online/ RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.4,00,000/- by Bank Guarantee/ FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank.
2	Construction of Multipurpose hall including Namma Clinic at Thanisandra new ward No.07,Construction of Government Urdu School Building at Jakkur new ward No.08 and Construction of first floor building for Namma Clinic at BBMP Ward office at Rachenahalli New ward no.08 **(Package-2).**	500.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online/ RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.4,00,000/- by Bank Guarantee/ FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank
3	Comprehensive Development of building, lake, and various roads in Byatarayanapura assembly constituency **(Package-3).**	400.00	Rs.1,00,000/- through e-payment under of the following i.e., online/ RTGS / NEFT / OTC and the balance Rs.3,00,000/- by Bank Guarantee/ FDR issued by Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank

1. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka.
2. Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal **on or before 16.00 hours on 19.02.2023** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines.
3. Interested Eligible Tenderers may obtain further information from and download the tender documents from e-procurement portal of Government of Karnataka **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and the tenders are to be submitted online through the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** only. Tenders submitted in any other manner will not be accepted. Tenderers are required to obtain Level III digital signature from designated firms (available on the e-procurement portal) and then register with the Government of Karnataka e-procurement platform and submit tenders by using their ID and digital signature.
4. Pre bid meeting will be held **on 10.02.2023 at 15:00 hours** in office of the CE&CGM (Tech), BSWML, UNI Building, Thimmaiah Road,Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 052.
5. Technical Documents along with necessary information/documents must be uploaded to the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** as per tender document o**n or before 16:00 hours on 19.02.2023** and First Folder containing the Technical bid will be opened through e-portal only **on 20.02.2023 after 16:30 hours** at the stipulated venue, in the presence of the Tenderers or their authorized representatives who wish to attend. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
6. The Employer shall not be liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the Tenderers of any tender updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the Tenderers. It is the Tenderers responsibility to verify the e-procurement portal for the latest information related to the tender, E-mail address of the Helpdesk is hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com. E-procurement portal help desk telephone numbers are: 080-22371090/22373788. The tenderer is required to ensure browser capability of the computer well in advance to the last date and time for receipt of the tenders. The employer shall not be responsible for non-accessibility of e-procurement portal due to internet connectivity issues and technical glitches.
7. Any corrigendum/addendum will be published in the E-Procurement portal only.
8. GST Shall be paid separately.

Sd/-
Deputy General Manager-2, BSWML

DIPR/CP/4481/2022-23

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Centre committed to new airport at Parandur, says Scindia

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Stating that the Government of India was "fully and completely" committed to building a new greenfield airport at Parandur in Chennai, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said the project was under examination by it.

He told reporters here on Saturday that the Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (TIDCO) had sent a proposal for the "ambitious programme" at Parandur, which was examined by the Civil Aviation Ministry, the Airports Authority of India, and the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation.

"There are some critical bottlenecks to growth and this is where the State government has to come forward. There are many airports where we want to expand. Chennai should grow to handle 55 million passengers a year and we need 200 acres of land to make that is possible," he said.

In two phases, the new integrated terminal at Chennai airport will be opened with a plan to inaugurate the first phase by March and the second phase by the end of next year, he said.

The passenger traffic at Chennai airport was expected to touch 36 million passengers a year with a capability to have 45 aircraft movements an hour, he said.

'KPSC turned a blind eye and a deaf ear to plea of SC youth'

Commission declined to accede to the request for change of category at the time of document verification, says High Court of Karnataka

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka State Public Service Commission (KPSC) had "turned a blind eye and a deaf ear" to the plea of a meritorious Scheduled Caste (SC) youth for rectifying a trivial error that had occurred in entering his caste in the online application, resulting in not considering him for the post of First Division Assistant as he was treated as a general category candidate, said the High Court of Karnataka.

"This human error is glorified by the KPSC by declining to accede to the request for change of category at the time of document verification. It is not in dispute that the petitioner has secured high marks and would definitely come within the zone of consideration, if he was treated as a SC candidate," the court observed.

"To err is human, infallibility is unknown to humanity," the court observed, while stating that treating him as a general merit or Scheduled Tribe (ST) candidate and glorification of a trivial human error had resulted in loss of appointment to the petitioner.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a petition filed by 27-year-old Hemanthkumar N. of Challakere in Chitradurga district. The petitioner had questioned KPSC's decision of treating him under the general merit in the provisional selection list notified in November, 2022.

The court said that error committed by the petitioner is trivial as the apex court had held that non-submission of caste certificate along with application itself is a curable defect and would not take way consideration for appointment of a SC candidate.

While directing the KPSC to include the petitioner in the provisional/final selection list based on his marks under the SC category, the court declined to accept KPSC's contention that such an order would open the Pandora's box and become a precedent.

"If this order opens up Pandora's box, so be it. If it becomes a precedent, so be that. This court would not turn a deaf ear to a cry of a SC candidate who has scored high marks, despite the trials and tribulations throughout that they face to lose the opportunity of getting selected for trivial reasons," the court observed, while stating that the KPSC ought to have considered petitioner's plea earlier.

The petitioner had submitted application online in a cyber centre and realised that his caste was wrongly entered as ST instead of SC on taking a print out of the submitted application. Later, he appeared to have attempted to change it to SC with the help of personnel of cyber centre. He realised that his caste remained as ST in the application only when he attended document verification process with his caste certificate, and hence, filed a representation to correct his caste based the caste certificate issued to him way back in 2013.

The KPSC did not heed to his plea even after a nudge from the Karnataka State Commission for SC/ST to consider him under SC category, and stuck to its stand that it cannot deviate from the data entered in the application.

PSI scam: Releasing accused SI on bail not in best interest of civilised society: HC

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that granting bail to a 29-year-old Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) in the PSI recruitment scam case would definitely not be in the best interest of civilised society as the scam had impacted society at large and the accused PSI is capable of derailing the ongoing investigation.

PSI Harish K., who is already accused of derailing the entire system of selection process, "is capable of derailing further investigation. The effect of such influence either on the investigation or on the prosecution witnesses or on the materials that are already collected, would be very serious and definitely it is not in the best interest of the civilized society," the Court said.

In such a scenario, "releasing the petitioner on bail will definitely send wrong signal to society and it will have an impact on the credibility of the judiciary," the court observed.

Justice M.G. Uma made these observations while refusing to grant bail to Harish, who served at Byadarahalli police station and presently lodged in the prison since his arrest in June, 2022.

Stating that the charge sheet discloses *prima facie* materials against the petitioner, the court said: "The collective cry and the societal interest is considered to be the paramount and it is to be safeguarded at any cost. The rule of law cannot be ignored at the cost of individual rights and liberty."

The petitioner is accused of helping two accused-candidates by collecting ₹30 lakh each from them and retaining ₹5 lakh as commission and conniving with other accused police officers and personnel to help the candidates get more marks by way of tampering their OMR sheets that were preserved in the safe custody.

TTD to set up cancer centre

The Hindu Bureau
TIRUPATI

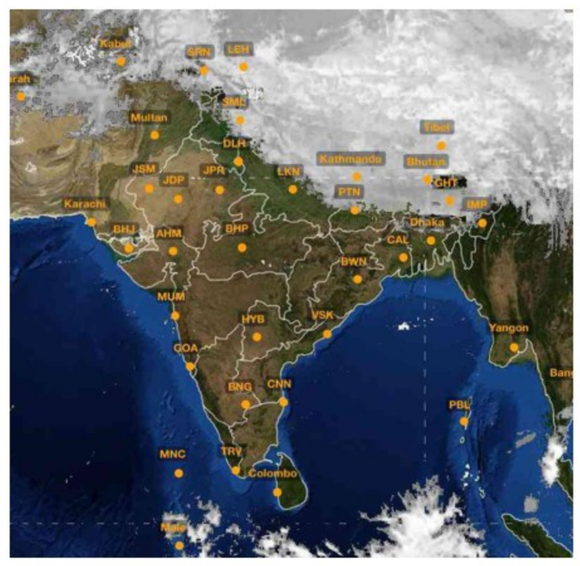
The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) will set up a cancer care facility in Tirupati, said Joint Executive Officer S. Bhargavi, who flagged off a Cancer Day rally on Saturday.

The 300-bed facility with a financial outlay of ₹300 crore will provide comprehensive cancer care and will have all modern-day requirements.

The facility would be in tune with the modern-day requirements, said Ms. Bhargavi.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Cold wave conditions likely in isolated pockets over Odisha, east Madhya Pradesh and Vidarbha. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, north Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Tripura and sub-Himalayan West Bengal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	27.4	12.6	Kozhikode	—	35.0	24.9
Ahmedabad	—	31.5	10.7	Kurnool	—	35.0	19.3
Aizawl	—	29.0	8.0	Lucknow	—	25.4	10.5
Allahabad	—	26.9	8.8	Madurai	0.3	29.7	22.6
Bengaluru	—	31.0	18.4	Mangaluru	—	34.9	22.5
Bhopal	—	26.7	9.4	Mumbai	—	33.1	19.0
Bhubaneswar	—	32.8	14.4	Mysuru	—	31.0	13.2
Chandigarh	—	26.6	10.6	New Delhi	—	25.3	9.0
Chennai	—	30.9	24.0	Patna	—	24.6	12.2
Coimbatore	3	31.8	21.4	Port Blair	—	31.0	25.6
Dehradun	—	25.6	9.5	Puducherry	—	31.5	22.1
Gangtok	—	16.0	8.5	Pune	—	31.8	14.4
Goa	—	35.8	20.6	Raipur	—	31.2	13.2
Guwahati	—	28.6	15.4	Ranchi	—	26.8	10.9
Hubballi	—	32.0	20.0	Shillong	—	18.1	8.1
Hyderabad	—	32.4	16.1	Shimla	—	16.0	6.8
Imphal	—	27.0	8.1	Srinagar	—	13.0	0.4
Jaipur	—	26.8	11.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	31.4	23.6
Kochi	—	32.2	24.6	Tiruchi	7	30.3	22.4
Kohima	—	22.2	9.8	Vijayawada	—	31.8	20.4
Kolkata	—	27.4	14.2	Visakhapatnam	—	31.4	20.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	6	11	28	210	191	
Bengaluru	23	36	99	—	87	
Chennai	23	47	43	176	117	
Delhi	5	—	79	297	426	
Hyderabad	5	58	47	154	152	
Kolkata	10	10	56	268	168	
Lucknow	36	46	71	198	164	
Mumbai	48	275	41	375	214	
Pune	—	22	45	340	225	
Visakhapatnam	9	52	60	184	179	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 374 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 23

Air Quality Code: Poor, Moderate, Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Miner Irrigation And Ground Water Development Division, Ballari

IFT No. EE/MI & GWDD/Bly/AE/2022-23/287 Date :03.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-3 & 4)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka the Exécutive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Ballari invited the tender for under the Head of Account 4702 plan work 3 work and 1 work KKRDB , 4702 SCP 2 works and TSP 3 works and **Minimum Estimated amount is Rs.55.06 lakhs and Maximum Estimated amount is Rs. 540.00 lakhs,** the tenderers should download and submit the tenders from **date : 03.02.2023 to 10.02.2023 upto 17.30 hours. Date & Time of opening Technical Bid on 13.02.2023 at 11.00 hours. Opening of Financial Bid is on 17.02.2023 at 11.00 hours**. Any other information should get by login the website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I.&G.W.D.Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/877/MCA/2022-23

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES
Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru - 560 024. Ph: 080-23412767 e-mail: commissionerahvs@gmail.com

No: CAH/VMS/Drivers/Short term Tender/2022-23 Date: 04.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement mode only)

The Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka Bangalore hereby invites Short term Tender through e-Procurement **(Website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible tenderers for **Providing services of 21 vehicle drivers to the office of the commissioner in state sector and 172 vehicle drivers to Veterinary Institutions/office of the Deputy Director under ZP and Taluka sector for the year 2022-23 on out source contract for one year.** Tendered Amount: **Rs.503.87 Lakhs.**

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **04.02.2023** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through e-Procurement portal from **04.02.2023 to 20.02.2023 till 17:30 hrs.**

Further information can obtained from e-Procurement Portal and this office during office hours. **Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Medical Stores, Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services**

DIPR/CP/AAA/4471/2022-23

Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara

SHORT TERM TENDER
NOTIFICATION No: 14/2022-23, Date : 04-02-2023

Tender Notification for 04 works of Ramanagara PWD Division, Ramanagara has been Published vide Notification No.12/2022-23 Dt:01-02-2023. Due to technical reasons Tender Notification of Sl.No.(1) & (2) Works have been withdrawn & Revised tender Schedule date's Sl.No (1) & (2) Works are as Follows.

Short Term Tender Invited from qualified contractors for the works through e-procurement portal as per standard bid document. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal http:www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Documents may be downloaded from Dt:**06-02-2023** & last date for submission of tenders Dt:**20-02-2023** up to **16.00** hours. Date of opening of Technical bid Dt:**21-02-2023** at **16.30** hours (if possible). Tender processing fees & EMD as per E-procurement. No. of works 02. Estimate Cost Each work Rs.495.00 lakhs.

For more information contact the above office during office hours.

Note : Here after any changes with reference to this Notification will be Notified in E-Portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
P.W.D. Ramanagara Division, Ramanagara

Executive Engineer
Public Works Department
No.1 Building Division, S.J.P. Campus, Bengaluru. Ph: 080-22255210

IFT No.: EE/Bld1/AE4/55/2022-2023 Date: 02.02.2023

SHORT-TERM INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

The Executive Engineer No.1 Buildings Division, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed below. The tenderers have to submit the tender for the work through e-Prourement portal of the Government of Karnataka. (viz **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**). Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **17.00 hours on 09.02.2023** and the opening of tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. Other details can be seen in the tender documents. **Name of the work:** Resurfacing of Road and other allied works in the premises of Nyayagrama,Hebbal,Bengaluru. KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT163269. Cost of Tender: As per portal. Approximate Value of work: **Rs. 53.11 Lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 1,06,300/-.** Cost of document: **As per e-portal.** Period of Completion: **1 month including rainy season.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer.
DIPR/DD-C.P/4457/MCA/2022-23

Government of Karnataka
Office of Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Channarayapattana
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Short term tender notification no 37/2022-23
Dated:-03.02.2023

The tender are invited by the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Channarayapattana on be-half of the Governor of Karnataka through E-procurement portal for work of 1)SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND MACHINERIES FOR THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN IN FOR THE ROAD FROM KURUBARAHALLI THANDA TO BYRAGONDANAHALLI SC COLONY ROAD IN ARASIKERE TALUK (INDENT 3747) TENDER AMOUNT:-RS 45.10 LAKHS (2) SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND MACHINERIES FOR THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN FOR THE ROAD FROM MANAKATHUR SC COLONY TO HANDI JOGI COLONY ROAD IN ARASIKERE TALUK (INDENT 3749) TENDER AMOUNT:-RS 43.94 LAKHS (3)SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND MACHINERIES FOR THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN IN THE ROAD FROM PWD ROAD TO K.G AGRAHARA ROAD VIA BOCHANAKOOPALU THANDA VILLAGE IN ARASIKERE TALUK (INDENT 3750) TENDER AMOUNT:-RS 44.42 LAKHS (4)SUPPLY OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND MACHINERIES FOR THE WORK OF CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD AND DRAIN FOR THE ROAD FROM SARVEKOPPALU ROAD TO CHIKKABANAVARA SC COLONY ROAD IN ARASIKERE TALUK (INDENT 3748) TENDER AMOUNT:-RS 42.95 LAKHS which are sanctioned under the head of account of 2021-22TH 5054-MGNREGA CONVERGENCY The work details are available in the E-procurement Portal The important dates are as follows Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications 10.02.2023 17.00 hours Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders 13.02.2023 17.00 hours Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid 15.02.2023 11.00 hours Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid After approval of Technical bid Note:- The right is reserved to reject or cancel the any or all tenders at any stage without assign any reason thereof

Executive Engineer, PRE DIvisin, Channarayapattan.
ವಾಸಾಸಂ೫/ಹಿಸನ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/1041/2022–23

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ)

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ನಂ:ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಸಿ:2505/ಮರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್–03/2022–23/200 ದಿನಾಂಕ:03–02–2023

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಸನ್ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ KW2 ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/HDMC/ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ– DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT132772/CALL-2, ರೂ. **41.45** ಲಕ್ಷ, 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, (12 ತಿಂಗಳು), (2ನೇ ಕರೆ)
2. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ– DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT146057, ರೂ. **37.60** ಲಕ್ಷ, 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, (12 ತಿಂಗಳು).
3. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ– DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_ INDENT146066, ರೂ. **30.14** ಲಕ್ಷ, 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, (12 ತಿಂಗಳು).
4. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ– DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_ INDENT146069, ರೂ. **36.00** ಲಕ್ಷ, 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ, (12 ತಿಂಗಳು).

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಹೆಸರು, ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **04–02–2023** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **20–02–2023** ರಂದು ಸಾ.4.00 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ
ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **21–02–2023** ರಂದು ಸಾ. 4.30 ಘಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ)
ಹು–ಧಾ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ
ವಾಸಾಸಂ೫/ಧಾ/ಕೆಎಸ್ಎಂಸಿಎ/1056/2022–23

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, 8th Cross, 12th A Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagara, Bengaluru-560038

No.: EE/CVR/E-Proc/31/2022-23 Date: 03.02.2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION 2ND CALL

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) (Two Cover System)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations. **(Standard Tender Document KW-3)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Value of work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.) according to Govt. Order
1	Development works for existing Market Building at Coxtown in **Ward No. 119** - Baiyappanahalli. **Indent No: 55935**	60.00	1,20,000.00

Calender of Events: (1) Tender document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** From **06.02.2023. (2)** Last date for receipt of queries upto **17.02.2023** at **4:00 p.m. (3)** Date of pre bid meeting at the Office of Executive Engineer (C.V. Raman Nagara Division) on **17.02.2023** at **11:30 a.m. (4)** Last date for uploading the filled proposals is **22.02.2023** upto **4:30 p.m. (5)** Date of opening of Technical proposals is **23.02.2023** at **4:30 p.m. (6)** Date of opening of Financial proposals **after approval of Technical Proposals through e-procurement.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, C.V. Ramannagara Division, BBMP

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಹುಬ್ಬುವಾಡಾ–ಕಾರವಾರ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ –581 301.
ದೂರವಾಣಿ: 08382–228935 ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 229735 e-mail: eerdwsd.uk@gmail.com
ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಇಂ/ಗ್ರಾಕುನಿಸಿನೈವಿ/ಕಾರವಾರ/ಏಪಿ–1/ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ/JJM/2022–23/2083 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02.02.2023

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಾರವಾರ ಇವರಿಂದ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ / ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ 2000 ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Tender Document KW-3** ನಂತೆ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು:
(1) INDENT 49412 (2) INDENT 49530 (3) INDENT 49623 (4) INDENT 49683 (5) INDENT 51072 (6) INDENT 51116 (7) INDENT 51381 (8) INDENT 51316 (9) INDENT 48916 (10) INDENT 53545

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಡೌನಲೋಡ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.02.2023 ರಿಂದ 13.02.2023 ರ 16.30 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ** (2) ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.02.2023 ರ 16.30 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ** (3) ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.02.2023 ರಂದು 17.00 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.** ಉಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರರು
DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/922/22-23 dt.03.02.2023 ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕಾರವಾರ (ಉ.ಕ. ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ)

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Department of Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development
Office of the Executive Engineer
MI & GWD Division, Mandya
No:EE:MID:MDY:TB:2022-23: 1643
Date:04.02.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO : 12/ 2022-23 , Dated : 02-02-2023.

ItemWise Tenders are invited from registered and eligible contractors under " e - Procurement " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-1 And KW-3. Under the Head of Account 4702: Maintenance of Lift Irrigation Scheme for 27 No's of works. Amount put to tender ranging from as low as Rs. 4.00 Lakhs to as high as Rs. 90.90 Lakhs. Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office up to dated : 13-02-2023 during office hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website " **www.eproc.karnataka.govt**.in " upto dated **: 16.02.2023 up to 17-30 Hours.** Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on dated :**20.02.2023 at 11.00** AM. Financial bids of the bidders will be opened on dated : **22.02.2023 at 11.00 AM**. All the rights are reserved for postponement or cancellation of all works or any of the work of this tender by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for the each work is published in the " e - Procurement " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections regarding the works will be published in " e - Procurement " portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Mandya.
DIPR/AD-MDY/KSMC&A/650/2022-23

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Adani saga worries neighbourhood

He was responding to questions about the controversy surrounding an Adani thermal power project in Jharkhand's Godda, which was due to supply electricity for Bangladesh starting from January 2022, a deadline that has already been breached twice. According to the United News of Bangladesh's report quoting government officials (which has not been denied), the Bangladesh Power Development Board (BPDB) has written to Adani Power demanding that it reduce the price of coal to be purchased from Adani's Carmichael Mines in Australia. At present, Adani Power is reportedly billing Bangladesh $400 a tonne, far higher than the $250 a tonne that the BPDB is paying at its other thermal plants.

The Adani Group did not respond to requests for a comment from The Hindu, but it is understood that unless the BPDB sends a demand note for procuring coal, the Godda project transmission will be delayed further.

State officials quoted in a number of local reports say that the project's prime lenders, State-owned Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), would then have to sign off on the delay. Other Adani projects in the region have also been in the limelight for various controversies, including in Myanmar, where the group exited the Yangon river port project in 2022 after the threat of U.S. sanctions.

In Sri Lanka, an uproar had followed the leak of a November 2021 letter from the Ceylon Electricity Board's then-chairman M.M.C. Ferdinando to the Sri Lankan Finance Ministry asking them to allow an Adani proposal for a 500-MW wind energy project off the coast of Mannar, and to treat it as a "proposal from the Government of India to Sri Lanka". Asked about this during a parliamentary committee meeting, Mr. Ferdinando, who later recanted his words, said he had been summoned by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who told him that he was under "pressure" from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to okay the Adani proposal.

Officials told *The Hindu* that the government is watching developments in the wake of the latest trouble for the Adani Group, given that Sri Lanka, which is in financial crisis, is hoping to see more infrastructure investment from India.
(with inputs from Mahesh Langa)

Insurance firms under scanner for tax evasion

Asked if prosecutions were under way in these cases, Mr. Gupta said: "We will initiate whatever action is needed but it is rampant the way they have flouted the law. It's not that they are holy cows." The I-T Department's findings can be linked to a probe launched by the Directorate General of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Intelligence last year, investigating 16 insurance companies for availing ineligible input tax credits amounting to ₹824 crore.

While the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) permits only nominal commissions to corporate insurance agents, the indirect tax department's probe found that firms were circumventing these norms to pay more to corporate agents such as non-banking financial companies engaged in micro financing businesses. These firms were cross-selling their insurance policies in the course of their lending business.

Their *modus operandi* to pay higher commissions involved securing invoices from intermediaries for supply of services such as Web marketing and advertising, without any such services actually being provided. By September 30, 2022, the companies had remitted ₹217 crore of that ₹824-crore amount "voluntarily" to the GST kitty.

The CBDT chief said the Budget decision to tax those purchasing life insurance policies with an annual premium of over ₹5 lakh would not hit the "average taxpayer" as such policies are only taken by "the rich or super-rich". It will also not cover pure term insurance policies, he said.

Veteran singer Vani Jairam no more

According to Chennai Police sources, Ms. Jairam was alone at her home when she passed away.

Her domestic aide, who came in on Saturday morning, found the house locked from inside and there was no response when she rang the doorbell. She went to the neighbour's house, and they, in turn, called Ms. Jairam's sister Uma, and alerted the police.

Police sources added that it seemed that Ms. Jairam had fallen and hit her head on a table. There was a minor injury mark on her forehead. The police were treating this as an unnatural death and began an investigation.

Condolences poured in from political leaders and members of various film industries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the talented singer would be remembered for her melodious voice and rich work, which covered diverse languages and reflected different emotions.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said Ms. Jairam's death was an irreplaceable loss to the music industry. Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi visited Ms. Jairam's residence and paid tributes.

Over the course of her career, she worked with many renowned composers including Ilaiyaraaja, M.S. Viswanathan, Madan Mohan, R.D. Burman, and K.V. Mahadevan across languages and sang with singers S. P. Balasubrahmanyam, P.B. Srinivas and K.J. Yesudas among others.

Delhi court discharges 11 accused in 2019 Jamia case

While dispensing justice to Imam, Tanha and others, the court says they were not part of a mob and were made 'scapegoat'; 'dissent is extension of right to freedom speech and expression,' it says

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court has discharged student activists Sharjeel Imam, Safoora Zargar and Asif Iqbal Tanha and eight others in a case connected to the incidents of violence at Jamia Millia Islamia University in December 2019.

Sharjeel Imam (left) and Asif Iqbal Tanha. PTI

The court order on Saturday said the Delhi Police had made them a "scapegoat", and that there was no *prima facie* evidence that they were part of the mob violence, had any weapon, or were throwing stones. An FIR had been lodged against them alleging offences of rioting and unlawful assembly during the protests against the Citizen Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC).

The court maintained that the police could not apprehend the "actual perpetrators", and that the chargesheets filed by them were "ill-conceived". Alluding to Article 19 of the Constitution, it said, "Dissent is an extension of right to freedom of speech and expression. It is, therefore, a right which we are sworn to uphold."

Additional Sessions Judge (Saket Court) Arul Varma was hearing the case, in which 12 persons were booked by the Delhi Police under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

"There were admittedly scores of protestors at the site. It cannot be gainsaid that among the multitude, some anti-social elements within the crowd created an environment of disruption and did create havoc. However, the moot question remains whether the accused persons herein were even *prima facie* complicit in taking part in that mayhem. The answer is an unequivocal 'no'," the court said.

The court maintained that the prosecution has ex-*facie* been launched in a "perfunctory and cavalier fashion" against the accused persons, except Mohammad Ilyas, alias Allen.

"To allow the persons chargesheeted to undergo the rigmarole of a long-drawn trial, does not augur well for the criminal justice system of our country. Furthermore, such a police action is detrimental to the liberty of citizens who choose to exercise their fundamental right to peacefully assemble and protest," the court further asserted. The court also said that there is a need for investigative agencies to discern the difference between dissent and insurrection. "The latter has to be quelled indisputably. However, the former has to be given space, a forum, for dissent is perhaps reflective of something which pricks a citizen's conscience," it added.

The court said that the investigative agencies, in the present case, should have incorporated the use of technology, or have gathered credible intelligence, and only then should have embarked on galvanising the judicial system. Or else, it should have abstained from filing such chargesheets against those whose roles were confined only to being a part of a protest.

The court discharged Mohammad Qasim, Mahmood Anwar, Shahzar Raza Khan, Mohammad Abuzar, Mohammad Shoaib, Umair Ahmad, Bilal Nadeem, Sharjeel Imam, Asif Iqbal Tanha, Chanda Yadav and Safoora Zargar.

ED holds searches in drug smuggling cases in Punjab

NCB seized substance appearing to be heroin, weighs 2.2 kg, and 13.98-kg "white powdery" substance

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has conducted searches at 10 different locations in Tarn Taran district of Punjab in connection with multiple drug smuggling cases registered by the State police.

The business and residential premises of Skattar Singh, Gajjan Singh and Makhan Singh, their family members and associates in Sheron, Naushera Pannuan and Bugha villages of Tarn Taran were searched during the operation, which began on Friday. The agency seized a large number of documents related to immoveable properties.

Some packets containing psychotropic substance, appearing to be opium and its derivatives, were also seized allegedly from the residential premises of Skattar Singh and his family at Sheron village. Therefore, a request was made to the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) for verification and testing of the suspicious products. "The substance was suspected to be heroin weighing about 2.2 kg, which was tested and seized by them in the presence of ED officials," said an official.

Some packets of "white powdery" substance weighing about 13.98 kg were found at the shop of Skattar Singh, who is the proprietor of the Baba Sidana Trading Company at Nausheran Pannuan, for which the NCB was requested for its verification and testing. The NCB officials impounded the "stuff" for further action.

This apart, the ED seized two rifles, three pistols and live cartridges. While one rifle and two pistols were found at the residence of Skattar Singh, the rest were seized from the house of his brother, Makhan Singh. "The matter was reported to the local police. As the original licences were not available for some of the arms, they were handed over to the police," the official said.

'Anti-minority policy displayed as if it was a badge of honour'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Questioning the scrapping of the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF), former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram on Saturday accused the Narendra Modi government of "displaying its anti-minority policy" as a badge of honour.

In a series of tweets, he called the government move "irrational and arbitrary". His comments came after Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani told the Lok Sabha that as "the MANF scheme overlaps with various fellowship schemes for higher education, the government has decided to discontinue the Scheme from 2022-23".

"The government's excuse for scrapping the Maulana Azad National Fellowship and the subsidy for education loans to study abroad to minority students is grossly irrational and arbitrary," said Mr. Chidamabaram in a tweet.

"Even admitting that there are overlapping schemes, is the fellowship and subsidy to minority students the only schemes that overlap with another scheme, he asked.

"The government is on overdrive to make life more difficult for minority students. [The] Government is openly displaying its anti-minority policy as if it was a badge of honour. Shame," added the veteran Congress leader.

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code boosted 'ease of doing business' rank: Justice Kaul

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Supreme Court judge Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul on Saturday credited India's rise in the 'Ease of Doing Business' index to the introduction of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), calling it a dynamic law that adapts to the "realities of the Indian society".

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul

"India's rank has gone from 142 in 2014 to finally 63 in 2022 – due credit for which should be given to the IBC. In my opinion, IBC has also had a big role to play in India's new 'start-up' culture, by creating a conducive environment for budding entrepreneurs," Justice Kaul said in his address at the inaugural conference of the Insolvency Law Academy.

Justice Kaul said the IBC had shifted the balance of power from the promoters of a company to the creditors. The judge referred to changes proposed by the government in the IBC to benefit homebuyers and prevent them from being caught up in prolonged litigation with real estate developers. One of the proposals is that when an insolvency application is filed against a real estate developer having multiple projects, proceedings may be initiated only against a specific project that has defaulted. Hence, even if the company is legally under insolvency, the economic solution would be limited to the affected project.

"We must appreciate that these battles are not only about the colossal amounts of money involved in these matters, but about the dreams and hard-earned savings of these homebuyers," Justice Kaul said.

BJP, Cong. ask Delhi CM to resign over 'excise scam'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The BJP and Congress on Saturday demanded that Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal resign, after the latter's name was mentioned in the ED's chargesheet in the alleged excise policy scam.

The Delhi BJP staged a protest near the AAP headquarters, with its working president Virendra Sachdeva stating that Mr. Kejriwal should resign immediately, if "he has any morality left".

"All the accused in the liquor scam are going to jail, the day is not far when Delhi's CM and Deputy CM [Manish Sisodia] will also be inside the jail," he said.

Over 500 scientists and academics slam 'censorship' of BBC documentary

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A group of over 500 Indian scientists and academics has expressed dismay at the "censorship" of the BBC documentary *India: the Modi Question*, stating that it violated the rights of Indians to access and discuss important information about their society and government.

A protesting student is removed from the Delhi University campus on January 27. Tensions had escalated in the university after a student group said it planned to screen the BBC documentary. AP

"The Indian government has had the documentary removed from social media under the pretext that it is 'undermining the sovereignty and integrity of India'. This justification does not withstand scrutiny," read a statement endorsed by them.

Noting that university administrations across the country had attempted to prevent the screening of the documentary, they said the move violated the principles of "academic freedom".

"...such discussions are crucial for the proper functioning of a democratic society. It is unacceptable for universities to block the expression of some views, merely because they are critical of the government," the statement said.

The statement said the documentary did not raise any fundamentally new points. Already, in 2002, the National Human Rights Commission had reached the conclusion that "...there was a comprehensive failure of the State to protect the constitutional rights of the people of Gujarat, starting with the tragedy in Godhra... and continuing with the violence that ensued in the weeks that followed".

Similar conclusions were arrived at by numerous scholars, filmmakers, and human rights activists over the past 20 years.

"In spite of this, those who were instrumental in encouraging and enabling the violence in Gujarat in 2002 have never been held to account. This accountability is crucial, not only to prevent a repeat of such events but also to reverse the communal polarisation that threatens to tear the country apart today. Therefore, the questions raised in the BBC documentary are important. Banning the film will only further silence the voice of the victims of this violence," it said.

"...our criticism of censorship in India should not be interpreted as a blanket endorsement of the BBC or of the British establishment. We are aware that Jack Straw, who appears in the documentary, was the British Foreign Secretary in Tony Blair's cabinet. In this role, he was responsible for spreading falsehoods about 'Iraqi weapons of mass destruction', which were dutifully repeated by the BBC and used to justify the Anglo-American invasion of Iraq that led to the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocent people," said the statement.

The signatories encouraged viewers of the documentary to "supplement their information with the voluminous and reliable material produced by Indian scholars and activists, documenting both the horrific events of 2002 and the appalling situation faced by minorities in the country today".

Kashmiri Pandits issue being handled with full sensitivity: J&K L-G

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha said on Saturday said his administration was "working with full sensitivity and commitment to address all the issues" concerning Kashmiri Pandits.

The L-G's statement came a day after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention in addressing the plight of Kashmiri Pandit government employees who did not want to return to the Valley after the targeted killings of people of the community. Mr. Gandhi had also accused the J&K administration of adopting an insensitive approach towards the Kashmiri Pandit employees.

The Lt. Governor, who visited Kashmiri migrants at Jagti Colony in Jammu, said, "Few unfortunate incidents had occurred. These attacks were not only on individuals but also on the integrity of India. There are a handful of people, who on the behest of the neighbouring country are targeting innocent civilians. Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi ji, we are working with full sensitivity and commitment to address all the issues."

Mr. Sinha said many Pandit employees engaged after the special rehabilitation policy "have resumed their duties". "A direction has been issued to release their pending salaries without delay," the L-G said.

Earlier, over 5,000 Kashmiri Pandit employees, who had gone to Jammu fearing for their lives, were allegedly denied their salary till they reported for duty in the Valley. Referring to Mr. Gandhi's statement where he had accused the L-G of calling Pandits "beggars", Mr. Sinha said, "I have made no such statement and it has been attributed to me with malicious intent."

Centre clears appointment of five SC judges

Notification comes a day after Supreme Court made strong observations, but government sources say PMO approved the names on February 2; once the new judges are sworn in next week, the strength of the top court will go up from 27 to 32, and only two vacancies will remain

Sandeep Phukan
Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

(From left) Pankaj Mithal, Sanjay Karol, P.V. Sanjay Kumar, Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Manoj Misra.

President Droupadi Murmu signed the warrants of appointment of five new judges to the Supreme Court on Saturday.

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju took to Twitter to announce the appointments of Chief Justices Pankaj Mithal, Sanjay Karol and P.V. Sanjay Kumar of the Rajasthan, Patna and Manipur High Courts, respectively; Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah of the Patna court, and Justice Manoj Misra of the Allahabad court.

The new judges will be inducted after a swearing-in ceremony at 10.30 a.m. in the Supreme Court on Monday.

"I extend best wishes to all of them," the Law Minister said in a tweet.

These names were recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium on December 13.

The appointments have come a day after a word of caution from a Supreme Court Bench led by Justice S.K. Kaul that things would get "uncomfortable" if the government continues to delay judicial appointments and transfers. "If you keep them pending... you will make us take some very, very difficult decisions," Justice Kaul had warned.

On Friday, Attorney-General R. Venkataramani told the court that the five names were already cleared by the Centre and would be sent to the President for issuance of warrant of appointments the same evening.

Sources told *The Hindu* that the Prime Minister's Office had approved the recommendations of the collegium on February 2 and the appointments were already in their "final stages". The Centre had taken a considered decision, which had nothing to do with the Bench's observation, the official said.

Once the new judges are sworn in next week, the strength of the Supreme Court will go up from 27 to 32 and only two vacancies will remain. The top court has a sanctioned strength of 34 judges.

After August 26, 2021, when nine Supreme Court judges were appointed together, this is the second time when so many judges have been appointed in one single batch.

The apex court has an opportunity to function with its full strength if the government clears two other names proposed by the Supreme Court Collegium on January 31. These two names are Justice Rajesh Bindal of the Allahabad High Court and Chief Justice Aravind Kumar of the Gujarat High Court.

Budget outlay for e-courts will boost efficiency, says CJI

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Saturday said the budgetary allocation of ₹7,000 crore for the third phase of the e-courts project will ensure that courts reach every citizen.

The Budget 2023 outlay for the third phase of the project is a mighty jump from the ₹639.411 crore and ₹1,670 crore spent in the first two phases.

"This will help enhance the accessibility of judicial institutions and the efficiency of judicial systems in India," Chief Justice Chandrachud said in his address at an event to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the court.

The Chief Justice said the inflow of cases to the Supreme Court has increased multifold since its establishment on January 28, 1950. In fact, he said, 12,471 cases were disposed of in the past two months alone. The apex court had heard 3.37 lakh cases between March 23, 2020 and October 30, 2022.

Chief Justice of Singapore Sundaresh Menon, who delivered the first annual lecture on "The role of judiciary in a changing world", highlighted the need for judges to not let their personal opinions overshadow facts.

He said if "truth decay" creeps into judgments, then the judicial voice would become just another opinion in a clamour of personal opinions.

Motion against CAA among Tipra Motha's poll promises

The Hindu Bureau
AGARTALA

A resolution against the "discriminatory" Citizenship (Amendment) Act of 2019 was among 15 missions the Tipra Motha spelt out in its manifesto released on Saturday for the February 16 Tripura Assembly election.

The regional party headed by the State's royal scion Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma also affirmed to stand by its core demand of a "permanent constitutional solution for the indigenous people of Tripura", while promising to execute missions in 150 days if voted to power.

The permanent constitutional solution pertains to Greater Tipraland, an idea that is expected to be the panacea for all ills primarily afflicting the 19 indigenous communities.

"We are perhaps the only local party that has come out with an election manifesto so that there's a written record of what we have promised. We have tried to cover everything from youth and women empowerment, rights of the poor, creation of jobs, rehabilitation of retrenched teachers and ensuring freedom of the press gagged by the current dispensation," Mr. Debbarma said.

One of the party's missions is a socio-economic survey to document all tribes, sub-tribes, castes and other communities.

Cong. releases first list of 21 candidates for Nagaland election

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Saturday released its first list of 21 candidates for the Nagaland Assembly election.

It has decided to field its State unit chief K. Therie from Dimapur-I. The list was released after a meeting of the Central Election Committee, headed by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

"The Central Election Committee of the Congress has selected the candidates for the ensuing elections to the Legislative Assembly of Nagaland," an official statement said.

Among the other candidates in the party's first list are S. Amento Chisti from Dimapur II (ST), V. Lasuh from Dimapur III (ST), Akavi Zhimomi from Ghaspani-I and Rosy Thomas from Tenning (ST).

The Nagaland Assembly election will be held on February 27 and results will be declared on March 2.

Tripura Assembly election an uphill battle for BJP

Rahul Karmakar
AGARTALA

The triangular contest between the BJP, the Left Front-Congress, and the Tipra Motha has created an air of unpredictability over the results of the February 16 Assembly election in Tripura.

It could be a tough contest for the BJP which looks to retain power. The BJP's big splash made the 2018 election the first triangular contest among major political parties or blocs in Tripura, where it hitherto used to be a bipolar battle between the Left Front and the Congress.

The BJP and its tribal-based ally, the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT), the Tipra Motha and the Left-Congress combine will now face off in 42 seats in the polls.

CPI(M) State secretary Jitendra Chowdhury said the Left Front and the Congress struck the seat-sharing deal to prevent the anti-BJP votes from splitting. "We tried to bring the Tipra Motha on board for the same reason. Although it did not work out, we hope to have some kind of understanding...," he said.

Failed attempt

The BJP, too, had tried to forge an alliance with the Tipra Motha but its founder and royal scion, Pradyot Bikram Manikya Debbarma, spurned the offer over not getting any written assurance on the party's demand for a Greater Tipraland State.

The Tipra Motha holds clout in 20 constituencies reserved for the Scheduled Tribes. Its move to contest 22 of the 40 non-tribal seats appears to have upset the calculations of both the BJP and the Left Front-Congress combine.

The threat from Tipra Motha has been apparent from the BJP's campaign designed for the 40 non-tribal seats.

Sekhar Dutta, an Agartala-based political scientist, agreed that the Tipra Motha could damage the prospects of the BJP to some extent. "The Motha may take away some votes of the Left Front-Congress unless they work out a strategy between them, but its challenge in the non-tribal seats is likely to affect the BJP more," he said.

MISSING

GUPTHAN PILLAI
(Age 72)

Gupthan Pillai of Pulithitta veedu, Near Payikkattu Junction, Kidangayam North, Sooranadu South Village, Kollam (Dist), Kerala has been missing since 19th December 2022 at 4.30 PM. Regarding this, the Sooranadu Police has registered a case in crime 1699/22 U/sec. 57 of KP Act.
Identification Marks: 170 Centimeters in height, Fair Complexion, Stout.
If any information, please contact:
District Police Chief, Kollam Rural: 9497996908
Deputy Supdt of Police Sasthamcotta: 9497940838
Inspector, Sooranadu: 9497947277
Sub-Inspector, Sooranadu: 9497980212
RO/00297/F2/2023/I&PRD

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PHED CIRCLE NAGAUR
No.TA/2022-23/14981-14991 Date: 23/01/2023
NOTICE INVITING BID 53-55/2022-23
Bid for commissioning work of TW (Nit No.53-55/2022-23 and are invited from interested bidders upto 6.00 PM 20.02.22 other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in departmental website.

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55/2022-23	PHE2223WSRC12324

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KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : SE/PHC/MPM/90,95/2022-23, **JJM-Malppuram-1.** WSS to Vettathur, Keezhattur & Melattur GPS in District – Laying distribution line and providing FHTCs for Keezhattur GP -Pipe line work- 2. JJM-WSS to Munniyur, Chelembra,Thenchipplalam and Vallikuunu GPs -Package III-Construction of OHSR, Distribution Zone 1,2,3, providing FHTCs to Thenjhipalam and Chelembra and allied works, **EMD :** Rs. 500000, **Tender fee :** Rs. 16540, **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 20-02-2023 03:00:pm, **Phone :** 04832974871, **Website :** www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-1563-2022-23 PH Circle, Malappuram

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. website : www.kiadb.in
No. IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-57/18662/2022-23 Date: 04.02.2023
SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)
Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from Super Grade Electrical Contractors License issued from KCEI & Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the work of **(1)** Providing Power Infrastructure to the Sub-Layouts of Vasanthanarasapura Industrial Area, 2nd & 3rd Phase, Tumakuru Taluk & District. **(2)** Providing Power Infrastructure facilities to Hassan Industrial Area, Hassan District. **(3)** Part:A:- Establishment of 3x10 MVA, 110/11kV Sub Station at Mulwada Industrial Area in Kolhar Taluk, Vijayapura District. Part-B:- Construction of 110KV SC Line on DC towers from proposed 110/11KV Nandiyal Substation to Proposed 110/11KV KIADB Substation at Mulwada Industrial Area for a distance of 20.272 Km. Part-C:- Construction of 1No of 110KV terminal bay at 110/11KV Nandiyal Substation in Kolhar Taluk, Vijayapura District on Total Turnkey basis.
The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **17.02.2023 upto 04:30 pm.**
Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/4494/Zen/2022-23

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
E-Procurement Tender Notice
TSSPDCL intends to float tenders for procurement of (a) 34 Sq. mm AAA Conductor (b) Hiring of Xerox machines (c) 11KV 200A (TT) AB Switches with porcelain type solid core insulators (d) 9.1 mtrs / 280 Kgs PSCC Poles to City - Hyd, (e) Auction for Survey reported vechicle scrap & (f) 11 KV, 3C x 185 Sq..mm TR-XLPE UG Cable on e-tender platform.
For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tssouthernpower.com, www.tender.telangana.gov.in and www.auction.telangana.gov.in** Ph.:040-23431360, 1033, 1035.
DIPR No. : 1244-PP/CL-Agency/Advt./1/2022-23 Sd/- Chief General Manager (P&MM)

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer Sarvajnanagara Division,
7th Floor, PU Building, MG Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.
No: EE(SGN)/E-PROC/Tend/17/2022-23 Dated: 03.02.2023
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)
The Executive Engineer, (Sarvajnanagara Division), East Zone, BBMP, invites tenders from eligible Contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike / KPWD/ CPWD/Railways/MES/National Highway or any State Government Organizations for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **(Standard Tender Document KW-1, KW-3 & KW-4)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Approximate Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
1	Providing Balance works in Dhobi Ghat and Gangmen Quarters in Ward No-59 Maruthisevanagara	300.00	4,50,000/-
2	Drilling and Maintenance of Borewells in Sarvajnanagara Constituency	100.00	2,00,000/-
3	Comprehensive development of roads and drains in Ward No.23, 24, 28, 49, 30 and 59 in Sarvajnanagara Assembly Constituency	503.00	7,54,500/-
4	Improvements to Footpath & Drains at Ganesha Temple Road in Ward No-98 Kacharakanahalli (Call-2)	77.00	1,54,000/-
5	Providing Asphalting to 2nd & 3rd Block HBR Layout in Ward No.96 Kadugondanahalli (Call-2)	62.00	1,24,000/-
6	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Krishnappa Lane & Surrounding area in Ward No-103, Maruthisevanagara (Call-2)	59.00	1,18,000/-
7	Improvements to Roads and Drains at EWS Quarters old Station Road K.G.Halli and Surrounding area in Ward No-97 Venkateshapura (Call-2)	56.00	1,12,000/-
8	Improvements to Roads and Drains at Infant Jesus School to Krishnappa House in Ward No-102 Lingarajapura	51.00	1,02,000/-
9	Providing Street Name Board in Ward No-98 Kacharakana -halli (For SC)	10.00	12,500/-
10	Providing Street Name Board in Ward No-99 HRBR Layout.	10.00	25,000/-
11	Drilling of Borewell providing Water supply works at Assistant Executive Engineering office Building in Ward No-101 Kammanahalli (For ST)	8.00	10,000/-
12	Providing Street Name Board in Ward No-102 Lingarajapura	10.00	25,000/-
13	Providing Street Name Board in Ward No-103 Maruthiseva -nagara (For SC)	10.00	12,500/-
14	Construction of Specially abled in friendly Toilet and Ramp to Govt Urdu School at Ward No-95 Nagawara/ Govindapura	10.00	25,000/-
15	Construction of Specially abled in friendly Toilet and Ramp to Govt Primary School at Ward No-102 Lingarajapura	10.00	25,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents can be downloaded from the e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka from **08.02.2023.** (2) Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is **24.02.2023** upto **4:00** pm. (3) Date of Opening of Tenders is on **27.02.2023** at **11:30** am if possible or Next Working day. (4) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **17.02.2023** at **3:30** pm in the Office of the Executive Engineer, 7th Floor, Public Utility Building, M G Road, BBMP. (5) This tender notice can also be seen on the BBMP Website: **www.bbmp.gov.in**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Sarvajnanagara Division

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice
Tender No : Re-e-tender SE/PHC/KKD/95/2022-23, **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) -** WSS to Thiruvallur, Ayancheri, Maniyur and Cheruvannur Panchayaths in Vatakara Taluk of Kozhikode District-Supplying, Laying and Commissioning of Distribution Network and Providing FHTCs in Thiruvallur Panchayath. **EMD :** Rs. 500000/-, **Tender fee :** Rs. 16540+GST (2978) **Last Date for submitting Tender :** 20-02-2023 04:00:pm, **Phone :** 0495 – 2371046, **Website :** www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-1565-2022-23 PH Circle, Kozhikode

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माननीय राज्यपाल महोदय राजस्थान सरकार की ओर से निम्नलिखित सिविल कार्य Construction of Water Harvesting Structures in the catchment area of Roopsi/Lanela in Distrct Jaisalmer. (BSR 2022) Rs.521.00 Lac and Repair Renovation and Modernization of Main Canal and Distributary System of Bandi sandhara Dam, Village Thoor, Tehsil Jaswantpura, District Jalore. (BSR 2014) Rs. 826.00 Lac के लिए ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती है। उपरोक्त निविदा में भाग लेने वाले ठेकेदार/ फर्म दिनांक 01.02.2023 से 22.02.2023 को दोपहर 12.00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन विवरण निम्नलिखित वेबसाईट- http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in, www.water.resources.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
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Sl. No	INDENT NO	Amount put to tender in crores
1	VJNL/2022-23/IW/WORK_INDENT 2642	336.64
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3	VJNL/2022-23/IW/WORK_INDENT 2643	482.19

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INBRIEF

Ski championship to be held near 'sinking' Joshimath town

The Ski and Snowboard Association of Uttarakhand (SSAU) has announced that the Senior and Junior Alpine Ski and Snowboard Championship at Auli, the ski destination 11 km from Joshimath town that is sinking due to land subsidence, will be held from February 23 to 26. However, the number of participants in the national event is likely to trimmed to around 300, organisers said on Saturday. Commenting on the timing of the Championship, Praveen Kumar, President of SSAU, said tourism is the backbone of Uttarakhand's economy and the national championship is being organised to change the perception about Joshimath.

Online exam to be held first for selection of Agniveers

The Army has amended the recruitment procedure for Agniveers with the online Common Entrance Exam (CEE) to be conducted prior to the physical recruitment rally unlike in the past. "The first online CEE is scheduled in April 2023 at approximately 200 locations for which all preparations have been finalised," an Army source said. "Online applications for registration will be open from mid February 2023 for a period of one month." Henceforth, the CEE will be followed by the recruitment rally, along with medical examination, based on which a merit list will be drawn followed by allocation of arms and services to those selected.

ED quizzes Rahul Gandhi's aide in case against Gokhale

The Enforcement Directorate has recorded the statement of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's aide Alankar Sawai in connection with the money laundering case against Trinamool Congress spokesperson Saket Gokhale, whose crowd-funding campaigns have been alleged to have irregularities. Mr. Sawai's statement was recorded following Mr. Gokhale's purported disclosure that ₹23.54 lakh was deposited to his bank account by the Congress member for social media work and other consultancy. The agency said that on being asked about any written agreement with Mr. Sawai, Mr. Gokhale said it was only a verbal agreement.

Activists oppose Sakal Hindu Samaj public meeting

The People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL), a human rights organisation, and 26 others have written to Mumbai City Police Commissioner Vivek Phansalkar opposing the permission granted to the Sakal Hindu Samaj for a public meeting on Sunday. They alleged that the organisation is "trying to inflame communal tensions using hateful and inciteful speeches, false information and rumours, and Islamophobic and communal propaganda". "Instead of taking strict action against them and initiating prosecution for their criminal acts, the police and state authorities have been turning a blind eye and granting permissions... to conduct their events/rallies," the letter read.

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Easing an albatross off the neck of great Indian bustard

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court-appointed committee has recommended that to protect the endangered great Indian bustard, close to 800 km of proposed power lines in the Thar and Kutch deserts of Rajasthan and Gujarat should be re-routed or made to go underground. This makes up about 10% of the length of the lines.

Despite a Supreme Court order directing that low-voltage power lines go underground, no significant steps appear to have been taken by power companies and State governments to comply with them, according to the report, which *The Hindu* has accessed.

The 7,200 km of overhead lines are meant to transfer solar power into the grid, but existing lines have been harming the birds, which have been dying in collision with the lines or from electrocution. Only some 150 of these birds are still left, most of them in Jaisalmer of Rajasthan.

The contention

The death of these birds, and the danger to them from power lines and renewable energy projects, triggered a petition in the Supreme Court in 2019, by environmentalists who demanded that all overhead lines be taken underground.

Private and public power companies, supported by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), contended that shifting all overhead lines underground would be expensive and impractical, and would significantly increase the cost of solar power, undermining India's commitment to green growth.

In April 2021, the court directed that all low-voltage power lines in areas demarcated as "priority and potential habitats of the great Indian bustard" in the Thar and Kutch deserts be pushed underground. "Priority zones" are areas where the birds are known to live and "potential regions" are those where conservation programmes, such as breeding the birds in captivity, are ongoing.

Not a solution: Installing bird diverters on power lines, a stop-gap measure, cannot entirely guarantee an end to bird hits. FILE PHOTO

Bird diverters

High-voltage lines in these zones were also expected to follow suit. However, if power companies found undergrounding technically infeasible, they could approach a Supreme Court-appointed three-member committee for permission to go ahead with overhead lines with modifications.

These modifications include installing "bird diverters", which are flaps installed on power lines that work like reflectors and are visible to the flying birds from about 50 metres away, giving them a chance to swerve from the path of a power line. Bird diverters are, however, considered to be a stop-gap measure, as they cannot entirely guarantee an end to bird hits.

The SC-appointed committee perused applications for about 3,260 km of prospective power lines in the area of Rajasthan where the endangered birds live, and made decisions on the fate of 2,356 km. The committee ratified plans to build 98% of the length as overhead lines with modifications, and denied ratification of 2% of the line in areas which passed through "priority zones" and where recent bird mortalities have been reported.

The committee also received applications for about 4,132 km of power lines in the endangered bird's habitats in Gujarat and made decisions on 4,094 km of it. Roughly 82% of the line's length has been ratified for overhead laying with bird flight diverters, while 18% was not ratified. There are more applications from power companies which are still being scrutinised.

'Expedite work'

"Given the high mortality risk and recent evidence of two [Great Indian Bustard] mortalities in the Prioritized Area of Rajasthan, and frequent movements of both species of bustards in the Prioritized Area of Gujarat,.. request the Hon'ble SC for necessary directions to concerned agencies for expediting the underground laying of transmission lines inside the Priority Areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat," said the report submitted on January 16.

The companies which have sent applications for exemptions include both public and private sector power companies.

Only a small proportion of the proposed power lines lay in the priority zone, MNRE Secretary Bhupinder Bhalla told *The Hindu*. "Bird diverters add only a small cost, but undergrounding is much more expensive. The companies, however, have to comply with the Supreme Court order and while many applications are still pending, I think they should begin installing [bird diverters] very soon," he said.

CDSCO bars T.N.-based firm from making eye lubricant

Move comes after report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention linking the ophthalmic preparation to 55 adverse events; suspension order to apply till completion of probe

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has instructed Tamil Nadu-based Global Pharma Healthcare to stop manufacturing all the products under the category of ophthalmic preparation till the completion of an investigation. The move came soon after the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) linked the company's eye drops to 55 adverse events in the U.S.

On Friday, a joint team – comprising senior drug inspectors and officials from the Centre and from Tamil Nadu – visited the company's manufacturing premises. They collected samples from four batches of "control samples" for analysis and that of the raw material, carboxymethylcellulose sodium, which was used for manufacturing the eye lubricant.

The eye drops are distributed in the U.S. by Aru Pharma/ EzriCare and Delsam Pharma.

The investigation was launched on the basis of a warning by the CDC that the eye drops supplied by the company to distributors Aru Pharma/EzriCare and Delsam Pharma in the U.S. had been linked to adverse events, including eye infections, permanent loss of vision, and a death with a bloodstream infection.

During the exercise, the joint inspection team found that the firm had exported two consignments of 24 batches of the eye lubricant to the U.S. The consignments were manufactured in 2021 and 2022. No stocks of the batches concerned were found. The manufacturer had, however, maintained the control samples for the said batches. It said the "media fill validation" (a testing process) was carried out biannually, whose records were verified.

The firm said the root cause analysis in respect to the complaint was under process. On verification of the records, the inspection team observed that the stability studies for the representative batch of the said drugs were done yearly once. The inspectors gathered the relevant manufacturing records for scrutiny.

The CDC had alerted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to the cases of adverse events recorded in 12 States in the country. A warning issued by the FDA on Friday told consumers and doctors to not buy, and stop using, the product.

The company, which has recalled the eye drops from the market, has been placed on the FDA's import alert list for allegedly providing an inadequate response to a records request.

India a dependable partner of Sri Lanka, says Muraleedharan

Press Trust of India
COLOMBO

India is always a dependable partner and a reliable friend of Sri Lanka, Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan said on Saturday as he attended the island nation's 75th Independence Day celebrations.

Several other foreign dignitaries also attended the event.

"This milestone coincides with 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations between both countries. India is always a dependable partner and a reliable friend of Sri Lanka," Mr. Muraleedharan said in a tweet.

Mr. Muraleedharan, who visited the sacred Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo on the day, highlighted the close civilisational ties between the two countries, which are manifested including through Buddhism.

The Minister highlighted the close civilisational ties between the two countries

The Minister also interacted with the Indian diaspora in Sri Lanka.

"Appreciated their contributions in strengthening economic and people-to-people ties between India and Sri Lanka. Their role is even more significant today when Sri Lanka is on its path to economic recovery," Mr. Muraleedharan tweeted.

Last year, India had extended $3.9 billion in support to Sri Lanka to deal with the economic crisis.

Recently, New Delhi also gave assurance to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to restructure the country's debt to secure a $2.9 billion bridge loan.

India joins UAE, France for trilateral on clean energy, counter-pandemic steps

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India, France and the United Arab Emirates on Saturday declared their common intent to formalise a "trilateral cooperation initiative" to collaborate on nuclear energy and explore opportunities in the Indian Ocean region.

The Foreign Ministers of the three countries held a telephonic conversation in this regard and agreed to work together in the field of solar and nuclear energy, climate change and biodiversity.

"Productive conversation with colleagues, French FM @MinColonna and UAE FM @ABZayed today evening. Took forward discussions of New York on building practical projects that will benefit the region," External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said in a tweet after the telephonic conversation.

"During this call, the three sides agreed that the trilateral initiative will serve as a forum to promote the design and execution of cooperation projects in the fields of energy, with a focus on solar and nuclear energy, as well as in the fight against climate change and the protection of biodiversity, particularly in the Indian Ocean region," a joint statement by the three nations said.

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> **JOINT STATEMENT**

Earlier meeting

The trilateral was first discussed when the three Ministers – Dr. Jaishankar, France's Catherine Colonna and the UAE's Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan – had met on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2022.

It was further agreed that "a range of trilateral events will be held in the backdrop of the Indian Presidency of the G-20 here and COP28 to be held in UAE in November-December 2023," said the joint statement.

The countries have also agreed to cooperate in defence preparation and in countering infectious diseases, it added.

Towards 'One Health'

"In this regard, cooperation in multilateral organizations such as World Health Organization (WHO), Gavi-the Vaccine Alliance, the Global Fund, and Unitaid will be encouraged. Further, the three countries will attempt to identify tangible cooperation on implementing the "One Health" approach, and support the development of local capacities in biomedical innovation and production within developing countries," the joint statement declared.

Telangana, Kerala and West Bengal enrolled more Muslim students in 2020-21

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The States such as West Bengal, Telangana and Kerala have bucked the national trend of the number of Muslim students enrolled for higher education, shows the All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) report for 2020-21.

According to the report, the proportion of Muslim students enrolling for higher education dropped from 5.5% in 2019-20 to 4.6% in 2020-21 in India. In terms of aggregate numbers, the enrolment of Muslim students dropped from 21 lakh in 2019-20 to 19.2 lakh in the subsequent academic year.

In West Bengal, about 2.38 lakh Muslims students enrolled for higher education in 2020-21, whereas the number of Muslim students who joined higher education in the year 2019-20 was 2.35 lakh.

In Telangana, the number of Muslim students enrolled in the year 2020-21 was 1.28 lakh as against the 1.21 lakh in 2019-20. Similarly, Kerala marked an increase in the enrolment of Muslim students from 1.66 lakh in 2019-20 to 1.7 lakh in 2020-21.

Among the States that recorded the sharpest decline in the number of Muslim students enrolled was Uttar Pradesh where it dropped from 3.57 lakh in 2019-20 to 2.99 lakh in 2020-21.

In Jammu and Kashmir, the enrolment dropped sharply from 1.78 lakh in 2019-20 to 1.31 lakh in 2020-21.

The decline in enrolment of Muslim students comes when there has been a 7.5% increase in student enrolments across the country in 2020-21 from the 2019-20 figure.

Political analyst Subhamoy Maitra said these figures might be looked at from an economic perspective. "Since Muslims are among the communities which are economically lagging behind comparatively, due to the increasing trend of privatisation in higher education, students from the community are getting fewer opportunities. In the States where the enrolment has improved, there may be more State-run higher educational institutions and less private institutes," he said.

Enrolment trend

The table lists the number of Muslim students enrolled in higher education in 2020-21 and the change from 2019-20

State	Enrolment (in lakh)	Change (in %)
Uttar Pradesh	2.99	-16.3
West Bengal	2.38	1.2
Kerala	1.71	3.0
Bihar	1.54	-6.2
Maharashtra	1.51	-9.3
Telangana	1.29	5.8
Tamil Nadu	1.15	-11.3

TOKYO

Japan PM's secretary dismissed over homophobic comments

AP

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida dismissed a secretary over homophobic comments that he termed "outrageous". He said the remarks by Masayoshi Arai, left, — in which he said he "doesn't even want to look at" married same-sex couples — were "incompatible" with an inclusive society the government is aiming for. AFP

LONDON

Royal Navy sailors hospitalised after drinking water on ship

AP

A Royal Navy warship has returned to port in Britain after several sailors got sick from the vessel's drinking water. The Navy said frigate *HMS Portland* had returned to its base at Portsmouth on England's south coast on Friday "as a precautionary measure, following an issue with one of the ship's fresh water systems." AP

ISLAMABAD

Pak. blocks Wikipedia for failure to remove 'blasphemous' content

AP

Pakistan has blocked Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, for its failure to remove offensive or "blasphemous" material. The blacklisting comes days after the Pakistan Telecom Authority (PTA) degraded Wikipedia services for 48 hours, threatening to block it if the content deemed 'blasphemous' was not deleted. PTI

SANTIAGO

Thirteen dead in Chile forest fires, officials declare state of disaster

REUTERS

Chile has declared a state of disaster in several central-southern regions after a devastating heat wave sparked forest fires that left at least 13 persons dead, authorities said on Friday. More than 100 homes have been affected and 47,000 hectares of forest destroyed since the fires broke out on Wednesday. AFP

U.S., China exchange barbs over 'high altitude surveillance balloon'

The presence of the balloon in U.S. airspace is a clear violation of our sovereignty and international law, and it's an irresponsible act, Secretary Blinken tells Wang Yi; Beijing says it would 'not accept any groundless conjecture or hype'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

A day after the U.S. cancelled the much-anticipated visit of its top diplomat to China over a Chinese "spy balloon", the two sides exchanged sharp remarks over the incident, the latest flashpoint in already tense relations.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, due to arrive in Beijing on Monday, described the presence of what he called a "high altitude surveillance balloon" in American skies as an "unacceptable action" and said he had spoken with top Chinese diplomat and Politburo member Wang Yi to convey he was "postponing" his travel in light of the incident.

Mr. Wang, in Friday's phone call, said Beijing, which previously described the balloon as intended for meteorological use and expressed "regret" that it had deviated from its planned course, will "not accept any groundless conjecture or hype".

New hurdle: Antony Blinken, right, said he spoke to Wang Yi to convey he was "postponing" his travel in light of the incident. AFP

"In the face of unexpected situations, what both sides should do is to maintain steadiness, communicate in time, avoid misjudgement and manage differences," said Mr. Wang, who is also Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, according to a Foreign Ministry statement.

Mr. Blinken said he had, in the phone call, "made clear that the presence of this surveillance balloon in U.S. airspace is a clear violation of U.S. sovereignty and international law, that it's an irresponsible act, and that the PRC's decision to take this action on the eve of my planned visit is detrimental to the substantive discussions that we were prepared to have."

The Department of Defence, he added, was continuing to track and monitor "a high-altitude surveillance balloon that remains over the continental United States". The U.S. government on Friday said it had also observed a second surveillance balloon in skies over Latin America.

Sensitive information

Reports in the U.S. said a decision to shoot down the balloon, which was floating over Montana this week and drifting towards the east coast of the U.S., was considered by President Joe Biden but ultimately shelved because of concerns over damage from debris.

"We're confident this is a Chinese surveillance balloon," Mr. Blinken said. "Once we detected the balloon, the U.S. Government acted immediately to protect against the collection of sensitive information. We communicated with the PRC Government directly through multiple channels about this issue. Members of my team consulted with our partners in other agencies and in Congress. We also engaged our close allies and partners to inform them of the presence of the surveillance balloon in our airspace. We concluded that conditions were not conducive for a constructive visit at this time." "In the meantime," he added, "the United States will continue to maintain open lines of communication with China, including to address this ongoing incident."

Next week's visit had been agreed to by both countries in November, following a first meeting between Presidents Biden and Xi Jinping as leaders of their two countries, on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in Bali. .

Pakistan to seek Afghan Taliban leader's help to rein in TTP after mosque attack

Press Trust of India
PESHAWAR

The police said they had killed two TTP commanders responsible for the killing of five police officers

A desperate Pakistan has sought Afghan Taliban chief Haibuttallah Akhundzada's help to rein in the outlawed Pakistani Taliban outfit responsible for a wave of terror attacks in the country, including the recent Peshawar mosque carnage that killed over 100 people, according to a media report on Saturday.

Pakistan has been hit by a wave of terrorism, mostly in the country's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, but also in Balochistan and the Punjab town of Mianwali, which borders the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

In the Peshawar mosque attack on Monday, a Taliban suicide bomber blew himself up during the afternoon prayers, killing 101 people and injuring more than 200 others.

During the Apex Committee meeting here on Friday, Pakistan's civil and military leadership decided to seek Afghan Taliban chief Haibuttallah Akhundzada's intervention to control the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), according to The Express Tribune newspaper.

Pakistan's Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, who attended Friday's meeting, said the masterminds of the Peshawar Mosque attack could be in Afghanistan, and added that the federal government would raise this issue with their Afghan counterparts, the report said.

Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday acknowledged the failure to avert the Peshawar carnage that killed over 100 people and called for "national unity" to tackle the menace.

"There is a need for unity across the political spectrum. This act of terrorism managed to breach the security check post and reach the mosque. We should not feel hesitant in admitting the facts," Mr. Sharif said at the meeting.

'Breakthrough'

Meanwhile, Pakistani authorities claimed to have made an "important breakthrough" in its probe into the Peshawar Mosque attack by identifying the suicide bomber through his DNA samples.

The police said the DNA test was conducted and the investigators are trying to trace the family of the bomber.

The police on Saturday said it had killed two commanders of the TTP in the country's northwest. The police said said the slain TTP fighters were wanted in connection with the killing of five police officers and were also involved in attacks on security checkpoints.

Ukraine, Russia swap prisoners; bodies of U.K. volunteers returned

Reuters

Ukraine and Russia traded almost 200 prisoners of war in a swap announced separately by both sides on Saturday, with the bodies of two British volunteers also being sent back to Ukraine.

The Ukrainian President's chief of staff, Andriy Yermak, said 116 Ukrainians had been returned, while Russian news agencies cited Moscow's defence ministry saying 63 Russian POWs had been freed.

"We managed to return 116 of our people, defenders of Mariupol, partisans from Kherson, snipers from the Bakhmut (front) and other heroes of ours," Andriy Yermak wrote on the messaging app Telegram.

Mr. Yermak also said the bodies of British volunteer aid workers Andrew Bagshaw and Chris Parry had been sent back to Ukraine.

Bagshaw and Parry were killed during an attempted humanitarian evacuation in eastern Ukraine in January, Parry's family has previously said.

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No.9164 Date 23/1/2023

E-NIT No.18/2022-23

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan, bids are invited from eligible bidders for the "Construction of Anicut at Gambhir River between Village Singhaniya and Moondiya Tehsil Todabhim District Karauli " Rs. 1348.58 Lakh and "Construction of Anicut on Galwa Nadi Near Village Jagmoda Tehsil Chouth Ka Barwara District Sawai Madhopur " Rs. 692.62 Lakh works up to 06.00 PM on 15.02.2023.

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क्रमांक : 3692 दिनांक: 20.01.2023

निविदा संशोधन सूचना 28/2022-23

इस कार्यालय द्वारा जारी अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या 28/ 2022-23 में क्रम संख्या 2 एवं 3 पर अंकित कार्य "(2) स्टेट हाईवे-19 के किमी 4/00 से 4/500 पर खींचन (फलौदी) में ब्लेक स्पॉट का सुधारीकरण का कार्य एवं (3) डी.आई.जी. कार्यालय के नये भवन एवं उप पंजीयक- द्वितीय जोधपुर के भवन का निर्माण कार्य' की निविदाये ऑनलाईन प्रस्तुत किये जाने की दिनांक 09.02.2023 को सायं 6.00 बजे तक बढ़ाई जाती है। तकनीकी निविदायें दिनांक 10.02.2023 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे संबंधित कार्यालय में ऑनलाईन खोली जायेगी। निविदा में क्रम संख्या 4 पर अंकित कार्य का कार्यस्थल पहाड़ी पर होने के कारण कार्यपूर्णता अवधि 10 माह से 12 माह की जाती है। निविदा की अन्य शर्तें यथावत रहेंगी।

NIB code : PWD2223A3597 UBN : (1) PWD2223WSOB14223
(2) PWD2223WSOB14226 (3) PWD2223WLOB14228

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DIPR/C/1538/23

Office of the Superintending Engineer, Watar Resources Circle Bhilwara
No. Acctt./2023/177 Dt.:13/1/23

NOTICE INVITING BID NO. 08/2022-23
NIB No. WRD2223A0631

Bids for the following works are invited from interested bidders up to 6:00 PM Date. 10-02-2023.

S.No.	Name of Work	Appox. Cost of Work (Rs. in lacs)
1	2	3
1	Construction of Solar based micro irrigation scheme in the command area of Bhawaliya MIP Tehsil Nimbahera District Chittorgarh	594.43

Other particulars of the bid may visited on the procurement portal sppp.raj.nic.in, eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and Water Resources Departmental website.

UBN No. WRD2223WLOB02532
DIPR/C/1237

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Watar Resources Circle Bhilwara

Office of the Suprintending Engineer
Water Resources Circle, Udaipur

No.SE/Acc./2022/164 Date:- 13-01-2023

E-NIT No. 05/2022-23
NIB-WRD2223A0621

Bids for the works mentioned below are invited from interested bidders upto dated 10.02.2023 till 6.00 PM.

Construction of Seepiyavella Anicut, Village- Aathamna Kotda, GP-Kikawat, Tehsil-Rishabhdeo, District-Udaipur **UBN WRD2223WSOB02511**	Rs. 345.73/- Lac

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. http://sppp.raj.nic.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd

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E-NIT No. 22/2022-23

Bid for the following work are invited from interested bidders upto 6 PM, dated 10-02-2023.

S. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. in Lacs)
1.	Planning, Design and Construction of solar based Micro Irrigation Scheme at (i) Goyka Pargisath Anicut (ii) Dagal Anicut &(iii) Barwala MST District Banswara and its O&M for a period of 8 years on Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) Single Responsibility Turnkey basis	1887.79

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the Procurment Portal http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.dipr.rajasthan.gov.in & www.water.rajasthan.gov.in/wrd

UBN:- WRD2223WLOB02496
DIPR/C/987

Additional Chief Engineer
Watar Resources Zone, Udaipur

राजस्थान सरकार

कार्यालय अधीक्षक मथुरादास माथुर चिकित्सालय जोधपुर

क्रमांक:मदामाचि/निविदा/2022-23/1417 दिनांक: 24.1.2023

बिड आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या : 18(2022-2023)

डॉ. एस.एम. मेडिकल कॉलेज के सलंग्न इस चिकित्सालय हेतु निम्नांकित मदों की खरीद तथा सेवाओं के उपापन हेतु निम्नानुसार Online निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है-

क्र. सं.	वस्तु सेवा का/नाम	अनुमानित राशि	अंतिम तिथि	नंबर UBN
1	प्रिंटिंग एवं स्टेशनरी आइटम्स हेतु दर संविदा (दो वर्ष हेतु)	60.00 लाख	07/02/2023	SMC2223GLRC00589
2	गेस्ट्रोएंटरोलॉजी विभाग हेतु विडियोप्रोसेसर	20.00 लाख	07/02/2023	SMC2223GLRC00590
3	कोबाल्ट मशीन की CAMC (दो वर्ष हेतु)	40.00 लाख	07/02/2023	SMC2223GLRC00591
4	बल्ड बैंक हेतु विभिन्न आइटम्स की दर संविदा (दो वर्ष हेतु)	40.00 लाख	09/02/2023	SMC2223GLRC00592
5	कार्डियोलोजी इम्प्लान्ट्स की दर संविदा (दो वर्ष हेतु)	75.00 लाख	09/02/2023	SMC2223GLRC00593
6	भेषज व औषधियों की खरीद हेतु दर संविदा (दो वर्ष हेतु)	150.00 लाख	14/02/2023	SMC2223GLRC00594

निविदा का विस्तृत विवरण उपापन पोर्टल www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in एवं www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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मथुरादास माथुर चिकित्सालय
जोधपुर

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क्रमांकः 2719 दिनांकः 27.01.2023

निविदा सूचना संख्याः 09 वर्ष 2022-2023
NIB No. PWD2223A3905

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से **विभिन्न सड़क निर्माण कार्यों** हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं राज्य सरकार/ केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनों/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग/ डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग/ रेलवे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में कुल 05 कार्य जिनकी लागत राशि रू. 817.00 लाख है के लिए ईटेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

ऑनलाईन निविदा आवेदन डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख	30 जनवरी 2023, 9.30 बजे से 20 फरवरी 2023, सायं 06.00 बजे तक

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in व http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जायेगी। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट पर http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है। कार्यवार यू.बी.एन संख्या निम्नानुसार है।

PWD2223WSRC15320, PWD2223WSRC15321, PWD2223WSRC15322, PWD2223WSRC15323, PWD2223WSRC15324

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DIPR/C/1832/2023

कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता, सा.नि.वि. खण्ड - डीग (भरतपुर)

क्रमांक : 4017 दिनांक : 19.01.2023

निविदा सूचना सं. 15 / 2022-23

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से खण्ड- डीग में विभिन्न कार्यों हेतु उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदकों एवं केन्द्रीय / राज्य सरकार व उनके अधिकृत संगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग / डाक एवं दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत संवेदकों, जो कि राजस्थान सरकार के विभिन्न श्रेणी के संवेदकों के समकक्ष हो, से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में 11 (ग्यारह) कार्य, जिसकी कुल लागत राशि रूपये 3155.85 लाख है, के लिए ई-टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

निविदा फार्म डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड करने की तारीख एवं समय	दिनांक 25.01.2023 को प्रातः 09:30 बजे से दिनांक 17.02.2023 को सांय 6:00 बजे तक
प्री बिड मीटिंग की तारीख	दिनांक 06.02.2023 को वृत्त, कार्यालय भरतपुर
वित्तीय निविदा खोलने की तारीख व स्थान	दिनांक 20.02.2023 को सांय 04:00 बजे से खण्ड कार्यालय डीग

निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण वेबसाईट "www.dipronline.org" पर एवं निविदा दस्तावेज का विवरण "http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" एवं "sppp.raj.nic.in" देखा पर जा सकता है। सम्पूर्ण निविदा प्रक्रिया "http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in" पर ऑनलाईन सम्पादित की जावेगी। **NIB Code:- PWD2223A3816**

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3	PWD2223WLOB15062	7	PWD2223WSOB15067	11	PWD2223WSOB15071
4	PWD2223WSOB15063	8	PWD2223WSOB15068		

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Deer may serve as a reservoir for old SARS-CoV-2 variants

The Hindu Bureau

A study has found widespread infection of white-tailed deer with SARS-CoV-2 virus across the U.S. State of New York. The RNA of the virus was detected in 17 of the 2,700 samples (0.6%) collected during September to December 2020, and in 583 of the 2,762 samples (21.1%) collected during September to December 2021. The researchers found cocirculation of the Alpha, Delta, and Gamma variants in the white-tailed deer, months after they were last detected in humans. Of particular concern is the fact that the viral sequences recovered from white-tailed deer were "highly divergent from SARS-CoV-2 sequences recovered from humans". This implies rapid adaptation of the virus in white-tailed deer.

The study found multiple spillover events from humans to deer of the Alpha and Delta lineages.

While the precise implication of these mutations in enabling the virus to spread between white-tailed deer and from the animals to humans is yet to be determined, the very presence of SARS-CoV-2 variants that is no longer in circulation among humans arises the real possibility of the white-tailed deer serving as reservoir for variant SARS-CoV-2 strains that no longer circulate in the human population. The virus is likely to have jumped from humans to white-tailed deer during feeding or targeted baiting of hunting prey. The results of the study were published in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

It was already known that the ACE2 of white-tailed deer (WTD) share a high similarity to the human ACE2 receptors and this similarity, it was predicted, will allow the virus to bind and enter the cells of deer. If silico predictions too showed the animals to be highly susceptible to infection by SARS-CoV-2 virus, intranasal inoculation of the virus in white-tailed deer led to infection, replication and shedding of the virus, and eventual transmission from one deer to another. That white-tailed deer is broadly distributed in North America with an estimated 30 million population is a concern if the animal turns out to be a reservoir for the virus.

The researchers confirmed that the virus collected from the deer during 2021 was infectious and active virus replication was proven in laboratory studies. While the Delta variant was found in human samples and coincided with the detection in deer, the Alpha and Gamma variants were rarely in circulation among humans between September and December 2021.

"These observations highlight the need to establish continuous surveillance programs to monitor the circulation, distribution, and evolution of SARS-CoV-2 in White-tailed deer populations and to establish measures to minimise additional virus introductions in animals that may lead to spillback of deer-adapted SARS-CoV-2 variants to humans," they write.

Climate change will increase hydropower generation

There is greater likelihood of increased hydropower generation but the risk arises from very high inflow due to extreme rainfall, especially when the reservoirs are already full

R. Prasad

Unlike coal-powered power plants, hydropower, which is the second highest power producing source at 13%, is a significant contributor to clean global electricity generation. Based on observations and climate projections, a two-member team from IIT Gandhinagar studied the hydroclimatic changes in the catchment areas and their implications for hydropower generation in 46 major dams located in north, central and south India.

The team looked at the increase in rainfall in the catchment areas and the resultant inflow into all the 46 major reservoirs in the near (2021-2040), mid (2041-2060), and far (2081-2100) periods against the reference period (1995-2014) for two shared socioeconomic pathway scenarios – SSP1-2.6 and SSP5-8.5. While SSP1-2.6 is a low-emission scenario, SSP5-8.5 is characterised by high radiative forcing by the end of the 21st century.

Challenges to reservoir operations

If reservoirs receive heavy inflow when already full, it can create a flood-like situation when water is released suddenly

Second highest: Hydropower accounts for 13% of power generated in India.

- The study looked at increased rainfall in the catchment areas and the resultant inflow into 46 major reservoirs located in north, central and south India
- Due to warmer climate, hydropower production may increase (9-36%) across the country due to increased rainfall (5-33%) leading to more inflow (7-70%) to the reservoirs
- Compared with dams in south India, dams in north and central India are projected to receive higher rainfall and inflow
- Eight out of eleven dams in south India are projected to experience a decline in hydropower potential
- Most of the increased inflow into the dams is expected to come from extreme rainfall events
- Increased and sudden inflow due to extreme rainfall, especially when the reservoirs are already full, will pose a challenge to reservoir operations
- Reliable weather and inflow forecasts are needed to maintain storage that can accommodate high inflow due to extreme rainfall

Projected increase

"Under warmer climate, we expect hydropower production to increase across the country due to substantial increase in precipitation leading to increased inflow to the reservoirs," says Dr. Vimal Mishra, professor at the Department of Civil Engineering at IIT Gandhinagar, who led the study. Based on selected hydroelectric dams, the projected increase in hydropower potential in India is 10-23%. The results are published in the journal *iScience*.

A warmer and wetter climate is projected to bring about 5%-33% increased rainfall. As a result, hydropower production is very likely to increase by 9%-36% for most dams and this will come from increased inflow (7-70%) into the dams. The dams in central India show significant increase compared to dams in north and south India. "But most of the increased inflow into the dams will come from extreme rainfall. And herein lies the risks to water storage in the dams," Prof. Mishra says.

Due to global warming, there will be a simultaneous rise in extreme inflow and high reservoir storage conditions for most dams. "Our study highlights the high likelihood of increased hydropower generation but the risk comes from very high and sudden inflow due to extreme rainfall, especially when the reservoirs are already full. Any further increase in inflow when the dams have already reached their maximum storage capacity can pose challenges for reservoir operations," he says. "Reservoirs can help prevent flooding, but when they are already full and if the inflow is high, then the dams can create a flood-like situation due to sudden water release. Chennai in 2015 and many places in Kerala in 2018 witnessed massive flooding due to heavy inflow into already full reservoirs."

Compared with central and south India, north India is projected to experience higher warming in the future. As per the study, the highest warming (about 5 degree C) is projected for north India, while the warming is projected to be around 3-4 degree C for central and south India.

Similar to substantial warming, most reservoir catchments are likely to witness increased precipitation due to global warming. "Both north and central India are projected to receive a higher increase in precipitation than south India. The increased precipitation will alter the inflow to the dams more in north and central India than south India and also hydropower generation," Prof. Mishra says.

The study found that inflow to a few dams in Ganga, Mahanadi, Brahmani, and west-coast river basins is projected to decline in the future. This reduction in inflow is due to increase in atmospheric water demands in response to the considerable warming compared to increase in precipitation.

Timeline of changes

The projected change in hydropower potential is the highest in the far period (-5% to 62.8%) and the lowest for the near period (-6.2% to 39%). "The potential hydropower generation is projected to rise by more than 50% in Tehri, Ramganga, Kadana, Omkareshwar, Maheshwar, and Sriramsagar dams in the far period," he says. "In the case of south India, eight out of eleven dams are projected to experience a decline in hydropower potential. Dams in central India are projected to experience a more substantial increase in hydropower generation than north and central India."

Substantial warming projected for north India may reduce snow and glacial storage, reducing snowmelt water contribution in the long run. But a substantial increase in rainfall is more likely to compensate for the reduction from snowmelt in north India.

"Our findings provide crucial insights into projected changes in hydroclimate and hydropower for the major dams in India," says Prof. Mishra. "India may have to change reservoir rule curves on how much storage should be permitted at different times during the monsoon season."

Magnetite in roadside dust reveals source of pollution

Vasudevan Mukunth

Geologists at Jadavpur University have found that they can get a preliminary sense of the pollution in an area by collecting roadside dust and testing it with magnetic fields. The technique reveals the presence of different magnetic elements, and by tracing them back to specific sources of pollution, the researchers could tell which sources were dominating in different places.

Their study is in the area of environmental magnetism – which is "magnetism as it depicts the impact of climate change, pollution and environmental footprints on magnetic minerals present in environmental samples such as soil, dust and sediments," Rimjhim Maity, who has completed her PhD from the Department of Geological Sciences, Jadavpur University, and is the study's corresponding author, told *The Hindu* in an email.

She and her colleagues collected roadside dust samples from 50 locations in Kolkata in 2016 using a brush and a scraper, dried them in the lab to remove all moisture, and tested them using a magnetic susceptibility meter. The extent to which a material becomes magnetised when a magnetic field is applied is its magnetic susceptibility. They also studied the shapes of the particles in each sample under an electron microscope.

Their results were published in the January 2023 edition of *Current Science*.

They found that the amount of magnetite was proportional to the traffic on a given road; it is produced when fossil fuels are combusted in vehicle engines. Using the microscope, they were able to classify the particles' surfaces as "rough and meld-like". According to their paper, "Meld-like structure of these particles is due to the high-temperature combustion of fossil fuels". They also wrote that "angular iron-rich particles are considered to have been emitted by vehicles having abraded and corroded vehicle parts".

Marker: The amount of magnetite in a roadside dust sample is proportional to the traffic on a given road. PTI

Piecing together

In this way, the study pieces together a coarse yet indicative map of Kolkata's near-ground pollution and its sources.

"Broadly speaking, the method in the paper looks useful for mapping dust-loading on the roads - a very useful number for calculating road-dust resuspension emissions," Sarath Guttikunda, founder/director of UrbanEmissions.info and an independent air-pollution researcher, said in an email.

But Dr. Guttikunda was concerned that it was "a manual method," not automated like air-quality monitors.

"Although our sampling procedure required manual intervention, in this process we can easily collect samples," Dr. Maity responded. "We don't have to follow any lengthy process to collect data; we can collect samples like road-dust using very cost-effective tools; and the instruments used ... made the sample analysis very cost-effective, less time-consuming and more constructive than chemical analysis."

Dr. Maity continued, "We are planning to do further studies to identify the usefulness of this cost-effective and less time-consuming method as a pollution proxy and apply it to detect the pollution in any environment globally," and that it could be "very helpful for economically developing countries".

She also said, "If each and every industry has its own environmental management team, it can easily study the level of pollution periodically and seasonally using this cost-effective method."

SNAPSHOTS

Study finds three different mixtures used for embalming

Specific ancient Egyptian recipes for chemical mixtures used in embalming different human body parts have been identified (*Nature*). The mummification process involved the use of many different embalming substances. Researchers found three different mixtures (which included substances such as elemi resin, Pistacia tree resin, by-products of juniper or cypress and beeswax) that were specifically used for embalming the head, and other mixtures used for washing the body or softening the skin.

Mammals living in groups generally live longer

Mammals that live in groups may generally live longer than members of solitary species, suggests a new study (*Nature Communications*). The findings are based on an analysis of nearly 1,000 mammals – including the golden snub-nosed monkey, bowhead whale and horseshoe bat – and may improve our understanding of longevity in these species. They found that group-living species generally live longer than solitary species, supporting the correlated evolution of social organisation and longevity.

Machine learning combs radio signals from space

Researchers have presented a machine learning method that could be used to identify unusual radio signals from space, while filtering out interference (*Nature Astronomy*). They applied the method to more than 480 hours of data from the Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope, observing 820 stars. The method analysed 115 million snippets of data, from which it identified around three million signals of interest. Finally, it identified eight previously undetected signals.

Question Corner

Chemical origins

What is the origin of Earth's volatile chemicals?

By analysing meteorites, researchers of Imperial College, London have uncovered the origin of Earth's volatile chemicals. They found that around half the Earth's inventory of zinc came from asteroids originating in the outer Solar System – the part beyond the asteroid belt that includes the planets Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus. To carry out the study, the researchers examined 18 meteorites of varying origins – eleven from the inner Solar System, known as non-carbonaceous meteorites, and seven from the outer Solar System, known as carbonaceous meteorites. For each meteorite they measured the relative abundances of the five different forms or isotopes of zinc. They then compared each isotopic fingerprint with Earth samples to estimate how much each of these materials contributed to the Earth's zinc inventory. The results suggest that while the Earth only incorporated about 10% of its mass from carbonaceous bodies, this material supplied about half of Earth's zinc.

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Why have mangroves got a Budget push?

How many varieties grow in India? What is the ecosystem required to grow and sustain mangrove forests?

Shiv Sahay Singh

The story so far:
The Union Budget for 2023-24 announced an initiative for mangrove plantation along the coastline and on salt pan lands, under MISHTI (Mangrove Initiative for Shoreline Habitats & Tangible Incomes).

How do mangroves help?
Mangroves are salt-tolerant plant communities found in tropical and subtropical intertidal regions. They are important refuges of coastal biodiversity and also act as bio-shields against extreme climatic events. With the threat of climate change and frequent tropical storms looming large, planting more mangroves is a welcome development for India which has a coastline of about 7,500 km.

Where do mangroves grow in India?
The 'State of World Mangroves 2022' report by the Global Mangrove Alliance puts the total mangrove cover of the world at 1,47,000 sq km (14.7 million hectares). India has about 4,992 sq km (0.49 million hectares) of mangroves, according to the Indian State of Forest Report (IFSR) 2021. Mangroves in India are distributed across nine States and three Union Territories with West Bengal having the highest mangrove cover of 2,114 sq km. The IFSR report also points out that there has been an increase in the mangrove cover from 4,046 sq km in 1987 to 4,992 sq km in 2021. However, like most other countries, in India too the mangrove ecosystem faces constant pressure due to increasing population in coastal areas and the rising demand for land, timber, fodder, fuel-wood and other non-wood forest products like fisheries. The tree species that form a mangrove forest or ecosystem are broadly classified as true mangroves and mangroves associates. True mangroves are the ones which display morphological adaptations for a high saline mangrove ecosystem such as pneumatophores, vivipary or crypto vivipary germination and salt-secreting cells. Botanists put the number of true mangrove species in India at about 42 and mangrove associates at 68. A stable and resilient mangrove ecosystem requires a number of species to exist side by side. Experts believe that trial and testing with field experience and monitoring for years may be required to create a new mangrove ecosystem along the coastline.

> Mangroves are under pressure due to increasing population in coastal areas and the rising demand for land

What is the ecosystem of these forests?
Mangrove forests are formed when there is intertidal flow and where adequate sediments are available for the trees to set down roots. Experts say aquaculture or fisheries along the coast obstructing tidal flow is one of the biggest threats to the mangrove ecosystem. In the Sundarbans, the largest mangrove forest in the country, several instances of clearing mangroves for fisheries have come to light. Along the country's coastline, land reclamation for agriculture, aquaculture and industrial activities have occurred in areas which are under the Coastal Regulation Zone. Restoration of the land and allowing intertidal flow is crucial for plantation and survival of mangrove forests.

Which agency will be responsible for it?
The Budget states that MISHTI will be implemented through convergence between the MGNREGS (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme), CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) Fund and other sources. Organisations that have been involved in mangrove plantation say that the initiative requires extensive work with local communities. The survival rate of mangrove seed plantation is 50% and of saplings is about 60% and it takes three years for a new plant to stabilise. A contract-based one-time plantation under MGNREGS and CAMPA may not work unless the local communities take ownership of the forests. Discharge of untreated domestic and industrial effluents into the rivers impede the natural inter-tidal flow along the coast and the mixing of freshwater and saline water which help in gradual formation of the mangrove forest.

Why is it crucial for fighting climate change?
The 'State of World Mangroves 2022' points out that mangroves are estimated to hold up to four times the amount of carbon as some other ecosystems. "The loss of even 1% of remaining mangroves could lead to the loss of 0.23 gigatons of CO2 equivalent, equating to over 520 million barrels of oil," the report states. An initiative like MISHTI is in line with India's Nationally Determined Contributions announced by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to create an additional carbon sink of 2.5-3 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) equivalent, through additional more forest and tree cover by 2030. India joined the Mangrove Alliance for Climate, at the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties in Egypt.

What made the Adani Group call off its FPO?

Why did the company take this decision after its follow-on public offer was fully subscribed? Are the Adani Group's troubles over after the cancellation of the FPO? What did the Hindenburg Research report say about Elara Capital and Monarch Networth Capital?

Prashanth Perumal

The story so far:
Adani Enterprises last week decided to call off its ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offer and return the money that it had collected from investors. The Adani Group has seen the stocks of its publicly listed companies crash steeply, causing its overall market capitalisation to drop by ₹9.11 lakh crore. A report by U.S. firm Hindenburg Research on January 24 had accused the Adani Group of stock manipulation and accounting fraud. The Group has denied all allegations.

What is a follow-on public offer?
An FPO is a process wherein a company that is already publicly listed in the stock market issues additional shares to investors. During an FPO, a company could decide to issue fresh shares to investors, or existing shareholders in the company could decide to sell their shares to other investors.

> The loss of investor confidence can make any form of fundraising, be it in the form of equity or debt, harder

An FPO is similar to an initial public offering (IPO), except that an IPO refers to the issuance or sale of shares by a company to investors when it taps into the public market for the very first time. Companies can float an FPO to raise equity capital for various reasons such as to pay off debt or to improve their capital structure.

FPOs can also be a way for existing shareholders to sell their shares and exit the company.

Adani Enterprises, the flagship holding company of the Adani Group, planned to raise ₹20,000 crore through an FPO that closed last week. The FPO suddenly came under scrutiny in the midst of the steep fall in the price of its stock following the release of Hindenburg Research's report, accusing the Adani Group of several wrongdoings.

There were doubts about whether the shares offered on sale during the FPO would be fully sold as they were priced well above the market price of the company's stock at the time.

Volatile times: An FPO is a process wherein a company that is already publicly listed in the stock market issues additional shares to investors. REUTERS

Why did Adani Enterprises call off its FPO and opt to return money to investors?
The FPO floated by Adani Enterprises was fully subscribed, thanks to support from large institutional investors and high networth individuals. The shares were fully subscribed despite the fact that the shares were priced above their public market price. The shares that were allocated to be sold to retail investors and employees of the company, however, were undersubscribed amid the extreme volatility witnessed in the stocks of the Adani Group. Only about 12% and 55% of the shares that were allocated for retail investors and employees, respectively, were sold.

On Wednesday, Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group, decided to call off the FPO and return the money saying that "it will not be morally correct" to accept money from investors in such a volatile environment and expose investors to losses.

Critics of the Adani Group speculated that the FPO that was floated by Adani Enterprises and fully subscribed last week may have been manipulated by the company. They argued that large investors may have been coaxed into investing in the FPO by the Adani Group to achieve full subscription.

The well-known U.S. billionaire investor and short seller William Ackman also noted that the FPO may have been "rigged". In particular, critics alleged that Elara Capital (India) Private Limited and Monarch Networth Capital, companies which supposedly underwrote the FPO, are shell companies based on their ownership, operations, investment portfolio, and other characteristics. It should be noted that the report released by Hindenburg Research last month had claimed that Elara Capital and Monarch Networth Capital were used as shell entities by the Adani Group to manipulate both the stocks as well as the financials of its subsidiaries.

The Adani Group in its reply to the accusation had denied that there were any illegal transactions between the group and the alleged shell entities.

What lies ahead?
The fully subscribed FPO may have helped the Adani Group save face and prevented a complete loss of confidence in the group among investors. A failed FPO would have laid bare the group's inability to raise capital. However, there are far bigger problems for the Adani Group than just the troubled FPO.

As the precipitous fall in the shares of the Adani Group's companies shows, investor confidence in the group is at a low right now. Regaining the confidence of investors could turn out to be an uphill task. The loss of investor confidence can make any form of fundraising, be it in the form of equity or debt, hard for the Adani Group going forward. This could affect the group's ability to roll over its debt and even lead to a larger crisis where it is unable to meet its debt obligations.

Lenders such as Credit Suisse have already stopped accepting bonds of the Adani companies as collateral for their loans. It should be noted that promoters of the various companies that belong to the Adani Group have pledged their shares to borrow money from banks and other entities.

In the case of Adani Power, for instance, as much as 25% of promoter shares have been pledged as collateral to lenders. As the price of the Adani stocks drop, lenders would demand more margin and turn increasingly unwilling to lend any further money to the Adani Group due to the falling value of the collateral.

Many analysts had warned about the risk involved in banks lending huge sums of money against shares since when a company is unable to fulfil its debt obligations its share price also often drops.

The first tranche of payment (worth about $500 million) of the $4.5 billion debt that the Adani Group had taken during the acquisition of ACC and Ambuja Cements last year will come due in March.

Given current market conditions, the Adani Group is expected to use cash from within the company and other means to pay or refinance the debt instead of tapping the bond market.

Is Govt. on track on fiscal deficit targets?

Where does the Budget stand? Will paring food, fertilizer and petroleum subsidies help? Why are fiscal policy measures crucial to tackle inflation?

Lekha Chakraborty

The story so far:
In the Union Budget for 2023-24, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chose the path of relative fiscal prudence and projected a decline in fiscal deficit to 5.9% of gross domestic product (GDP) in FY24, compared with 6.4% in FY23. Ms. Sitharaman said the government planned to continue on the path of fiscal consolidation and reach a fiscal deficit below 4.5% by 2025-26. To finance the fiscal deficit in 2023-24, she said the net market borrowings from dated securities are estimated at ₹11.8 lakh crore, and that the balance financing is expected to come from small savings and other sources. The gross market borrowings are estimated at ₹15.4 lakh crore.

What is the direction on fiscal deficit given in the Budget?
In Union Budget 2023-24, the fiscal deficit to GDP is pegged at 5.9% in FY24. This ratio has declined from 6.4% in 2022-23 (revised estimate) and 6.7% in 2021-22 (actual).

In the revenue budget, the deficit was 4.1% of GDP in 2022-23 (revised estimate). In Union Budget 2023-24, revenue deficit is 2.9% of GDP. If interest payments are deducted from fiscal deficit, which is referred to as primary deficit, it stood at 3% of GDP in 2022-23 (RE).

The primary deficit, which reflects the current fiscal stance devoid of past interest payment liabilities, is pegged at 2.3% of GDP in Union Budget 2023-24.

> 'Public finances could be exposed if there are major economic shocks'

Are allocations lower for some sectors?
The major allocations that have been pared down are food, fertilizer and petroleum subsidies. The food subsidy in 2022-23 (RE) was ₹2,87,194 crore. In 2023-24, it has been reduced to ₹1,97,350 crore. Similarly, the fertilizer subsidy in 2022-23 was ₹2,25,220 crore (RE); it has been reduced to ₹1,75,100 crore for FY24. The petroleum subsidy in 2022-23 was ₹9,171 crore (RE); it has declined to ₹2,257 crore in 2023-24 (Budget estimate/BE). However, the point to be noted is that compared with BE 2022-23, the decline is not that sharp. In BE 2022-23, food subsidy was ₹2,06,831 crore; fertilizer subsidy was ₹1,05,222 crore, which was less than what has been allocated in BE 2023-24. It is a laudable decision to extend food security to the poor for one more year amid rising inflation. However, rationalisation of subsidies is important so that the government can move towards reaching a fiscal deficit target of 4.5% by 2025-26.

What needs to be done for growth?
Inflation hurts the poor. The interest rate management by the RBI through inflation targeting alone cannot effectively control inflation, given the supply side shocks. Therefore, fiscal policy measures are crucial to tackle mounting inflation. Policy coordination between RBI and North Block is crucial for a sustained growth recovery process. The RBI has been increasing policy rates to tackle mounting inflation. But a high interest rate regime can hurt the economic growth process. So, the fiscal policy needs to remain "accommodative" with focus on gross capital formation in the economy with enhanced capital spending, especially infrastructure investment. In Budget 23-24, capital spending is expected to rise to 3.3% of GDP. The interest-free loan of ₹1.3 lakh crore for 50 years provided to States should help them spend and boost growth.

Ms. Sitharaman stressed that infrastructure investment has a larger multiplier effect on economic growth and employment.

Can the govt. stick to fiscal consolidation?
The Government has not deviated from the path of fiscal consolidation. In Union Budget 2023, the medium-term fiscal consolidation framework stated that there is a need to reduce fiscal deficit-GDP ratio to 4.5% by 2025-26 from the current 6.4%. There are revenue uncertainties in post-pandemic times and also geopolitical risks, mounting inflation, supply chain disruptions and energy price volatility. At the same time, the Government has kept the fiscal policy "accommodative", and has undertaken capital spending to support economic growth recovery. The predominant mode of financing fiscal deficit in India is through internal market borrowings. It is also to be financed through securities against small savings, provident funds and an insignificant component of external debt. In Union Budget 2023, India's external debt is pegged at ₹22,118 crore of the total fiscal deficit of ₹17,86,816 crore in 2023-24 (BE), which is approximately about 1%. In Union Budget 2023, it is also stated that the States will have to maintain a fiscal deficit of 3.5% of GSDP of which 0.5% will be tied to power sector reforms.

What are rating agencies saying?
According to Moody's, leveraging buoyant revenue, the Government plans to substantially increase spending on infrastructure, while cutting personal income taxes, and providing capital support for the oil sector. The Budget plans are credit positive for renewable energy companies, cement and steel producers, oil marketing companies and automakers in particular, it said.

While continued gradual fiscal consolidation contributes to the stabilisation of the government's debt burden and supports credit quality, authorities remain unlikely to achieve their ambitious target to narrow the deficit to 4.5% of GDP by FY26, Moody's added. According to Fitch Ratings, the slow fiscal consolidation process in the wake of the pandemic could leave public finances exposed in the event of further major economic shocks.

What lies ahead?
The Finance Minister is focusing on economic growth recovery through capex. She contends that infrastructure investment will boost private investment. In the fiscal deficit-GDP ratio, if the denominator GDP expands, it will reduce the overall fiscal deficit-GDP ratio. Her focus is on economic growth recovery to strengthen GDP.

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The fiscal deficit road map (as a % of GDP)

Years	Budget estimates	Actual
2017-18	3.2	3.5
2018-19	3.3	3.4
2019-20	3.3	4.6
2020-21	3.5	9.2
2021-22	6.8	6.7
2022-23	6.4	-
2023-24	5.9	-

PROFILES

The ideology-lite Dravidian party

AIADMK

Six years after the death of Jayalalithaa, Palaniswami appears to have consolidated his position but still faces a legally driven challenge from Panneerselvam

K. Venkataramanan

Fifty years into its existence, the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), the party started by the late M.G. Ramachandran after being expelled from the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in 1972, is the focus of national attention once again. A mass-based party led only by strong, charismatic leaders for most of its history, the AIADMK is still struggling to have a settled leadership, six years after the death of Jayalalithaa, who led the party to electoral victories in Tamil Nadu four times since 1991.

The present interim general secretary, Edappadi K. Palaniswami, who was Chief Minister from 2017 to 2021, appears to have consolidated his position as the party's leader, but still faces a legally driven, but politically weak challenge to his dominance from O. Panneerselvam, who was also Chief Minister thrice – twice when Jayalalithaa faced legal hurdles and once after her demise.

It is no surprise that there was a leadership struggle after the death of MGR in 1987 and Jayalalithaa in 2016, as it is a party in which all power is concentrated in a supreme leader, with no second-rung leadership. An AIADMK leader famously said MGR was 'number one', and the rest of the party consisted of 'zeroes', implying that without the leader, the rest meant nothing. This trend continued during Jayalalithaa's tenure as well. Its fortunes are linked to the individual heading it, and the organisation of millions of members and grassroots functionaries appear lost in the absence of a powerful and charismatic leader.

A political party may be defined as a group of people coming together for acquiring and exercising political power; or for procuring political gains for the group interests they espouse. In India, political parties are founded and built around both group interests and individual ambition. Some may espouse the interests of a regional, linguistic, religious, ethnic or caste identity, or the working class in general, but there are a few that solely focus on bringing one leader to power.

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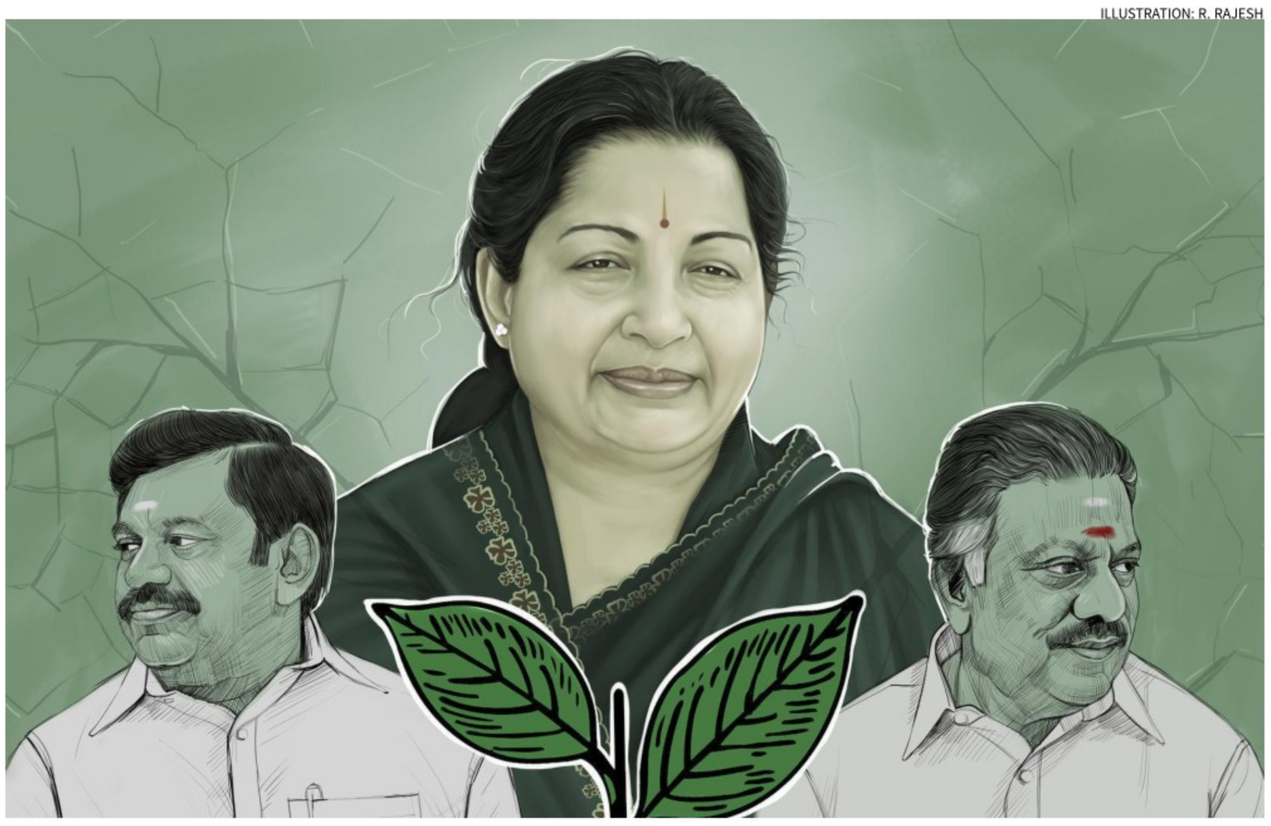

For achieving this objective, the leader's appeal has to be wide, if not universal.

Cult status

MGR, whose political stint with the DMK was marked by a conscious effort to cultivate a do-gooder image in his films, had acquired cult status even before he chose to form a party of his own. The result was that the ADMK (the 'All India' was a later addition to the party's name) emerged as a mass-based party. Its mass appeal was grounded in the promise to protect the vulnerable sections of society, across communities and castes. In effect, welfarism became its dominant, if not sole, principle; roping in and consolidating the support of all, without specifically appealing to any one section, was its political strategy. A combination of populist measures and promises of more such benefits has been the party's electoral strategy, and in recent years, the distribution of cash for votes has been added to the mix.

In the initial days, MGR's support base was spontaneous, as he drew large sections of DMK members and sympathisers, as well as the poor from all regions and communities. A significant section of traditional Congress supporters, including Dalits and peasants, became AIADMK adherents. Over time, this process led to the gradual fading away of national parties from the State's political scene. One can say the AIADMK is a Dravidian party without having to demonstrate strict adherence to key Dravidian principles. It has remained ideology-lite.

As he had positioned himself as a challenger to the DMK, MGR's politics was devoted to attacking his parent party and DMK leader M. Karunanidhi became his main political adversary. Anti-DMK sentiment remains a key motivation for AIADMK supporters to this day, and few worry about what their party's policies and programmes should be as long as the DMK is defeated. This meant that the AIADMK can be a Dravidian party in name, without necessarily sharing all its key principles as its own. Thus, AIADMK functionaries rarely resorted to the anti-Centre and anti-Hindi rhetoric associated with regional politics in Tamil Nadu. MGR also departed from the tradition of rationalism by visiting temples as a devotee. The party contributed to the further assimilation of regional identity with the national mainstream, a process that had begun with DMK founder C.N. Annadurai, known as Anna, himself. Anna had formally dropped the separatist Dravida Nadu demand in 1962. He had also given up the strident anti-Hindu position of Dravidian reformist and ideologue Periyar E.V. Ramasamy by advocating a 'one humanity, one god' principle. MGR went the extra distance to be friendly with the Centre and the Congress. It was no surprise that the AIADMK became the first party to join the Union government, when two of its members joined the Charan Singh Cabinet in 1979. The AIADMK-Congress tie-up of 1984 was considered a 'natural alliance' by both parties then, though the DMK had also been in electoral alliance with Indira Gandhi's Congress in 1971 and 1980.

Rightward tilt

Under Jayalalithaa, the Congress alliance continued, but at some point there was a rightward tilt in her approach. She once spoke of support for 'kar sevaks' during the Ayodhya temple movement, and when the time became ripe for it, in 1998, she became the first leader of a Dravidian party to have an electoral alliance with the BJP. The DMK had earlier joined hands with the Janata Party (of which the Jan Sangh was a merged entity) and was part of the National Front government that was supported by the BJP from outside. However, it was not until 1999, after Jayalalithaa had brought down the A.B. Vajpayee government, that the DMK crossed the Dravidian Rubicon by having an alliance with the BJP and being part of the NDA regime till 2003.

One feature of the AIADMK under Jayalalithaa was that she was so ideologically flexible that she wanted to occupy the entire political space – regional or nationalist – herself. Thus, she could speak up for State rights, question Central laws that encroach on State powers, and even demand that the Centre render military support to the LTTE on the one hand, even while cracking down on pro-LTTE elements in the State and claim that she would not allow any activity that undermined the country's sovereignty on the other.

Coming to the present day, the AIADMK is clearly struggling to extricate itself from a sense of being beholden to the BJP. While Mr. Palaniswami is showing signs that he is eager to be independent of the influence of the ruling party at the Centre, without actually giving up his accommodative attitude towards it, his rival, Mr. Panneerselvam, is quite open about his obligation to the BJP. Voter wariness about the Hindutva party making inroads into the State was one of the factors in the DMK returning to power in 2021. It has also resulted in a revival of interest in the 'Dravidian model' of governance as well as a rise in regional pride. How long the AIADMK can hold out as a BJP acolyte is a question it will have to face before the next general election.

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- It was after Jayalalithaa had brought down the A.B. Vajpayee government that the DMK crossed the Dravidian Rubicon by having an alliance with the BJP
- Today, the AIADMK is struggling to extricate itself from a sense of being beholden to the BJP with Palaniswami showing signs of independence and Panneerselvam being quite open about his obligation to the BJP

The man from the mountains

Sonam Wangchuk

The engineer-turned-innovator is demanding special status for Ladakh and seeking to draw the Centre's special attention to its climate problems

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Khardung La, the world's highest motorable mountain pass at a height of 17,582 feet in India's youngest Union Territory (U.T.) of Ladakh, hit the headlines for a different reason on Republic Day this year. The move by engineer-turned-innovator Sonam Wangchuk, 51, to organise a rare five-day climate fast at Khardung La, 40 km from Leh, has thrown a major challenge to the Lieutenant-Governor's administration as well as the Centre on the demand of granting special status to Ladakh.

The 2009 Aamir Khan-starrer Bollywood blockbuster, *Three Idiots*, was the first time Mr. Wangchuk came under the national spotlight. The character Phunsukh Wangdu, a maverick non-conformist played by Khan, saw shades of similarity with Mr. Wangchuk's way of living and idea of life. Mr. Wangchuk is uncomfortable in wearing the tag of Wangdu because he has "his own hard-earned identity".

However, Mr. Wangchuk's unconventional but innovative school, the Students' Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL), had stark similarities with Wangdu's school in the movie, with indigenous technology making lighting, cooking, and even heating running on solar energy.

His contribution to Ladakh's education sector, climate-related issues and ingenious solutions to local problems has earned him around 15 awards so far, including the Ramon Magsaysay award (2018), Eminent Technologist of the Himalayan Region (2018) and Global Award for Sustainable Architecture (2017).

Alarmed by the impact of climate change on Ladakh, which is witnessing receding glaciers that feed the Indus river, Mr. Wangchuk on January 21 proposed to hold a five-day fast at Khardung La, where temperature dips to minus-40 degrees Celsius at night, to attract the attention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the policies pursued by the Lieutenant-Governor's administration in Ladakh.

He claimed that the Centre's decisions had yielded no good results for Ladakh in the past three years, after it became a U.T.

This, he said, forced him to start the climate fast. He believes the special status guaranteed under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, which empowers local elected bodies rather than the bureaucracy to take decisions on the protection of land, culture and identity, is the only solution to tackle climate change and protect the distinct identity of Ladakh. "Ladakh is a sensitive region and it needs to be handled carefully," Mr. Wangchuk said, in a veiled reference to China sitting on its borders.

'House arrest'

Mr. Wangchuk was disallowed to travel to Khardung La and was restricted to the HIAL campus in Phyang, located at a height of 11,500 ft. He was asked to sign a bond to be careful in his speeches and statements and asked to pay ₹40,000 as surety money.

"There was a survey done in Ladakh recently to rank the administration's performance on a scorecard of five. Most people gave 0-1 marks. It's this fact the administration wanted to hide by putting me under house arrest and harassing my students," he said.

But none of these did put out the fire he triggered. The video of Mr. Wangchuk slipping into a sleeping bag on January 21 under open skies with temperature plummeting to minus-16 degree Celsius set the political temperature soaring in Ladakh. Bridging the geographical and political divide between Kargil and Leh, the twin districts of Ladakh, locals as well as political and religious organisations rallied behind Mr. Wangchuk.

A day after he ended his fast on January 26, Ladakh witnessed a spectacle at Polo Ground, Leh, where crowds, who walked long distances to see him, chanted, "We want Sixth Schedule." Special prayers were held in Buddhist Viharas and other religious places for Mr. Wangchuk's safety during fasting. While Ladakh rapper Miss Ladoll composed a song on Sixth Schedule, students in Kargil sang Habib Jalib's poem *Main Nahi Manta, Main Nahi Janta* (I won't agree...)". Support pours in. But for the mountain man, there's no rest until he meets his goals.

The other voice

Ilhan Omar

The Democratic Congresswoman, one of the strongest critics of America's Israel policy, was ousted from the House Foreign Affairs Committee over alleged anti-Semitism

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Ilhan Omar, 40, a Democrat who represents Minnesota's fifth Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, was removed from the House Foreign Affairs Committee on charges of having made anti-Semitic and anti-American remarks. The House witnessed a contentious debate during which Ms. Omar made the case that she was being targeted for identity – of being a Muslim, an immigrant, and a person of colour.

But House representatives voted along party lines and the Republican-sponsored resolution was passed 218-211. The move against Ms. Omar – a former refugee from Somalia and one of just two Muslim women in Congress – sparked strong condemnation and charges of bigotry from the Democrats.

Charges of anti-Semitism have dogged Ms. Omar right from the beginning of her trailblazing political career. Born into a prominent family of civil servants in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1982, she was the youngest of seven children. Civil war broke out when she was seven, and her family fled to a refugee camp in Kenya, where they lived for four years. They moved to the U.S. after getting asylum in 1995.

Ms. Omar began her professional life in Minneapolis, Minnesota – an area with a large East African population – as a community nutrition educator and coordinator. She made headlines as a rising star when in November 2016 she won an election to the Minnesota House of Representatives. In June 2018, she filed to run for the U.S. Congress and won.

As a hijab-wearing, African, Muslim, former refugee, woman and a leftist, Ms. Omar became a favourite target of the then Trump-led Republicans, so much so that she began to receive death threats and had to be given extra security. In 2019, Ms. Omar had tweeted, "It's all about the Benjamins baby", to suggest that the main reason U.S. politicians keep defending Israel in the teeth of evidence that it is violating the human rights of Palestinians is because they are paid to do so by pro-Israel lobbies. In a subsequent tweet, she named the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). The reaction to these tweets was swift and bipartisan. Even as vitriol rained down on her from the Republicans, the Democratic leadership, led by Nancy Pelosi, put out a statement calling her tweet "anti-Semitic". She apologised.

Public knowledge

It is indeed public knowledge that AIPAC spends millions of dollars to influence American legislators. However, it is also true that historically, tropes about Jewish money and its political potency have been used to target the community. A cannier politician would have been careful to point out the role played by pro-Israel lobbies without seeming to suggest that money was the reason why American lawmakers defend Israel.

The second controversy involved Ms. Omar raising the issue of 'dual allegiance' – also a common anti-Semitic trope used to question the patriotism of Jews. "I want to talk about the political influence in this country that says it is O.K. for people to push for allegiance to a foreign country," she said, referring to Israel. Her remarks were condemned as anti-Semitic.

Ms. Omar has said the charges flung against her are derived not from the content of her remarks but her identity as a Muslim.

Ms. Omar belongs to a generation of Democrats who rode the upswing of progressive politics unleashed by Bernie Sanders. It was this generation that also made it more acceptable to criticise Israel. Ms. Omar's strident appeal to match American policy with American values has also sharpened the cleavages between the progressives and the centrists in the Democratic party.

Had she been allowed to serve, Ms. Omar may have introduced a perspective that tends to go unrepresented in the House Foreign Affairs Committee. This is perhaps another factor that has made her presence unpalatable to many in Washington. She may have lost this battle. But the firebrand Congresswoman and mother of three has vowed to fight back. "If I am not on this committee for one term, my voice will get louder and stronger..." she said. "So take your votes or not. I am here to stay."

INBRIEF

Market is stable, functioning in transparent manner: SEBI

The Securities & Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Saturday sought to reassure investors that the Indian stock market was stable and "continuing to function in a transparent, fair and efficient manner", notwithstanding unusual price movement in the stocks of a business conglomerate in the past week. Without naming the Adani Group, it said any information about any entity would be examined and after due examination, appropriate action taken.

Lupin arm recalls 5,720 skin treatment cream tubes in U.S.

Drugmaker Lupin is recalling 5,720 tubes of a cream used in the treatment of various skin conditions, such as dermatitis and psoriasis, from the U.S. market due to a manufacturing issue, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The USFDA noted the firm is recalling the affected lot due to "Subpotent Drug: Low assay result observed during long-term stability testing." The U.S. generic drug market was estimated at about $115.2 billion in 2019. PTI

TII Q3 net rises 14% to ₹138 cr., declares ₹2 interim dividend

Murugappa group company Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TII) standalone net profit for the quarter ended December rose by 14% to ₹138 crore from the year-earlier period on higher sales. Total revenue from operations marginally rose to ₹1,710 crore from ₹1,701 crore. Free cash flow was ₹115 crore, it said in a regulatory filing. The board declared an interim dividend of ₹2 per share and it will be paid by February 28.

We've tried a Goldilocks on fiscal deficit

Given the macro-economic cycle, where global growth is likely to be in the coming year, we felt growth is the biggest consolidation; good growth is actually the best way to consolidate rather than consolidate through expenditure and stifle growth; if the GDP is buoyant, it would be easier to do

INTERVIEW

T.V. Somanathan

Vikas Dhoot

The new income tax regime will surely benefit low-paid salaried workers who end up paying higher taxes under the old exemption-based system; the current account deficit will be manageable in 2023-24, and the fiscal consolidation glide path is steep but not impossible, Finance Secretary T.V. Somanathan said in an interview. Excerpts:

On fiscal consolidation, with a deficit target of 5.9% in 2023-24 and less than 4.5% by 2025-26, are we leaving too much of the moderation for the last two years?

The contraction by 1.4 percentage points over two years, I would agree is challenging, but I think it is feasible. It is a bit backloaded, but given the macro-economic cycle and where we are and where global growth is likely to be in the coming financial year, we just felt that growth is the biggest source of fiscal consolidation. Good growth is actually the best way to consolidate rather than consolidate through expenditure and stifle growth. It's a bit of a trade-off so if we could slightly press the accelerator this year, and if growth is kept up, then that eases the consolidation in the years to come because the consolidation required is 0.7% (per year). But if GDP is buoyant, it would be easier to do. On the other hand, even if it was a lower target figure, but if GDP was very slow, it'll be more difficult. So we have tried to keep it in sort of a Goldilocks balance – not too much consolidation, nor are we saying, we'll leave everything for the future.

How does the Budget address current account deficit concerns?

Current account is higher than it should be, let me put it that way. Hopefully, if oil prices don't rise, then the coming year should be better because the biggest negative influence in the last year was the oil and gas sector. I am just hoping that the Ukraine conflict doesn't intensify or lead to any new convulsions in the petroleum market. Also, I think the fact that the interest rates in India are now reasonably aligned with the West and there are not likely to be too many interest rate rises from abroad could mean that overall, the capital flows will remain steady and we may not see much pullout from India. So, on the whole, I think the current account situation will be manageable through an easing of import costs on petroleum particularly, and easing on gold, silver, platinum through customs duty action, which has happened, and possibly some reasonably favourable capital account inflows.

Budget philosophy: We have tried to keep it in sort of a Goldilocks balance - not too much consolidation nor left everything to future.

So we don't expect much from exports?

Exports, with the global situation, no... But again, the positive side for us is our weakness as an export powerhouse is our strength when exports are declining. Because we are not so intensive in exports, unlike East Asia or somewhere else. United States' recession hits East Asia pretty hard, much harder.

The personal income tax revamp aims to put more money into hands of people. Is that a way of pushing consumption or meant to dissuade savings of a kind?

That's a very good question but as an economist, I don't agree with the perception that the old regime encourages saving. For the simple reason, if you look at the structure of the tax deductions, half of them are for savings and half of them are for dis-savings like housing loan or interest on housing loan. Is the housing loan a saving? So overall macro economic impact, it's not a savings push at all but merely a push towards certain things. Government wants you to do housing, insurance or pension. But it's not necessarily a savings push or influence the savings rate in the country. Second, there is a regressivity in this when it comes to the low-paid salaried class. You can say that somebody can take ₹3 lakh benefits from section 80C, ELSS and such deductions. A man who is actually at an income of ₹9 lakh is unable to save that much. They have expenses for family, children's school fees, uniforms, transport... After that, for him to maximise the deductions is impossible. The break-even amount at which people will shift - someone earning ₹7.5 lakh will have to save ₹1.62 lakh to be better off in the old system. This may be possible, but very few people who are really salaried will be able to save. The average salaried, low-paid person like a driver or an industrial employee, even if earning ₹8 lakh, doesn't actually statistically save so much and actually end up paying more tax in the old system than they will pay in the new system.

You have raised small savings deposits limits for a couple of schemes and launched a new scheme for women. So are we looking at tapping small savings more for financing?

Yes, we have shown a fair increase in small savings next year, which has also helped keep market borrowings [lower]. But it is not an enormous amount - it's just going from ₹4,25,000 crore last year to ₹4,71,000 crore. But that will happen because of these changes.

You have kept market borrowings at a reasonable level, but will rising rates affect financing costs?

Not directly for the government. For the incremental borrowing that we do in terms of our total stock of government borrowing, is such that even a 0.25% change doesn't have a huge impact. Let's look at our borrowing program. It's about ₹15 lakh crore, if there is a change of 1%, it's ₹15,000 crore. Now, 1% is not going to happen. Even half of that rise will mean just ₹7,500 crore, so the annual impact is small. Of course, there's a net present value impact for the life of the security but it's not of a magnitude that big. And I often tell bankers that you are looking at secondary market price impact. I am not in the secondary market. For me, this yield curve impact is very small. It only what actually affects me on what I'm borrowing now. I don't have to mark-to-market my old securities. Therefore, it doesn't impact us as much as it impacts banks.

What about allocations to education, health?

Health and education, I understand people's angst that we should spend more on these. The key problem... at least in education particularly, is not money. We have more teachers than we need in the teacher to pupil ratio, and child population is declining demographically. It's not quantity in education. It is quality, whether the teacher attends the school. Does he teach well? These are not money. So actually pushing more money into education will achieve nothing. It's the same in higher education. Don't we have enough universities... you have to depoliticise the university.

JK Tyre to spend ₹790 cr. on expanding Gwalior units

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. (JK Tyre) has embarked upon a ₹790-crore plan to expand its two units in Gwalior to meet the growing demand for passenger car radial (PCR) and truck bus radial (TBR) tyres, according to India president Anuj Kathuria.

"The expansion work has commenced and both the projects would be commissioned in phases by the second half of FY24," added Mr. Kathuria.

He said the Banmore unit in Gwalior entailed an investment of ₹530 crore to enhance the production capacity of PCR tryes by 17% to 16 lakh tyres. The ₹260-crore expansion of TBR tyres of its subsidiary Cavendish Industries, also at Gwalior, is set to enhance the production capacity by 24% to 3.42 lakh tyres, he said.

The project cost would be met through debt and internal accruals, said CFO Sanjeev Aggarawal.

The firm had reported a 24% rise in consolidated net profit for the third quarter to ₹67 crore from the year-earlier period on softening raw material prices, cost control measures and price revisions.

Revenue from operations grew from ₹3,076 crore to ₹3,613 crore. The results included a forex loss and VRS expense of ₹14 crore, Export revenue stood at ₹500 crore.

"Going forward, we believe the tyre industry is set to witness healthy demand in the domestic market emanating from improved vehicle utilisation and thrust on infrastructure development," said CMD Raghupati Singhania.

ALL mulls more than one partner, supplier for alternative fuel CVs

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Ashok Leyland Ltd. (ALL) plans to have more than one supplier or customer or technology partner for its forthcoming alternative fuel-powered commercial vehicles, said a top official.

"We are going to look for partnerships wherever we need or wherever it makes sense business wise," said Shenu Agarwal, MD & CEO in an interview.

Hydrogen trucks

The clarification came in the backdrop of Adani Enterprises having entered into a pact with ALL and Canada's Ballard Power to develop hydrogen fuel cell electric trucks for mining and transportation.

"We are looking at other customers also, where we can develop these whole ecosystems around hydrogen. It is not just on the customer side; it is also on the supplier side as the technology is very different," he added.

"In 24 months, we will ensure we provide any of the fuel types the customer might dictate," said ALL Executive Chairman Dheeraj G. Hinduja.

Exposure to Adani at 0.94% of loans: Axis

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Private sector lender Axis Bank on Saturday said its exposure to crisis-ridden Adani Group stands at 0.94% of its net advances.

"We extend credit, basis comfort on cash flow, security, and repayment capability of obligors as per the Bank's credit assessment framework. We remain comfortable with our exposure to Adani Group basis the same," the bank said in a regulatory filing.

Fund-based outstanding as percentage of net advances is 0.29%, while non-fund based outstanding is 0.58%, it said.

Investments as percentage of net advances of the bank is 0.07% as of December 31, 2022, it added.

Google, Apple, Amazon give investors reason to fret

Associated Press

Wall Street had its eyes Friday on big tech after some of the biggest companies in the world posted lacklustre quarterly financial results.

That included Apple Inc. The company posted its first quarterly revenue drop in almost four years after pandemic-driven restrictions on its China factories curtailed sales of the latest iPhone during the holiday season.

Amazon reported worse-than-expected fourth-quarter profits, but its revenue beat expectations boosted by sales in its cloud-computing unit AWS, which is also seeing a slowdown in growth.

Dragon a drag: Apple posted its first quarterly revenue drop in almost four years after China COVID curbs hit iPhone sales. AP

Google's parent company Alphabet posted a lower profit and a small revenue increase for last year's fourth quarter, as a decline in online ad spending and competition from rivals weigh on the search giant. While overall revenue grew, advertising revenue fell by almost 4% and revenue at YouTube declined 8% year-over-year. Amazon ended Friday down 8.4% and Alphabet lost 2.8%. Apple bounced back, finishing the day up 2.4%.

PUBLIC NOTICE

That my client V.Ramesh (present owner of the Schedule Property) had lost the original Allotment Letter dated: 7-8-1978 and copy of the Lease Cum Sale Agreement vide doc.No.464/79-80, dt: 8-5-79 which stands in the name of A.V.Srinivasa Rao with respect to the Schedule Property at his residence at Koramangala.

That my said client had already lodged the complaint before the concerned Police Station authorities and so far he has not received the same from the public.

That my client also requested the public that if anybody trace the said documents, please hand over the same to him or to his said Advocate within 07 days of time and any person/s who handover the said sale deed and other documents to my client or advocate will be suitably rewarded.

SCHEDULE

Site/ Municipal No.310, PID No.67-7-310, situated at 7th Block, Koramangala, Bangalore measuring East to West 7.60 Meters and North to South (12.0+12.30)/2 Meters, along with building and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.311
West by : Site No.309
North by : Site Nos.323 & 324
South by : Road

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that my client is KARIYAPPA .R residing at Venkateshwara Nilaya, KEB Road, KV Extension, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural District-561124 intending to purchase Schedule Property and entered in to Sale agreement from its owner Chinnu Rao .H, and Ravi .H, all are residing at Hosakote Village, MV Layout, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural District-561124 Any person, having any claim over the Schedule Property, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim to the undersigned **within 15 days** from hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to finalize the sale transaction by registered sale deed on the basis that there are no claims. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients in any way.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Sy.No.235/2, Site No.2&3 situated at M.V. Layout, Hosakote, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 80 ft. and North to South: 65 ft. totally measuring 5200 Sq feet and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.4,
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CORRIGENDUM

In the Tender Notification Advertisement Published in this newspaper on 04.02.2023 the Notification No. has to be read as No.ep-71.ENG:SE:Peenya:1st Stg:Upg:2022-23 Dated 02.02.2023 instead of No.ep-72.ENG:SE:Peenya:1st Stg:Upg:2022-23 Dated 02.02.2023 (in 2 places). All other details remain as it is.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer

BEFORE THE ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
(H&M) NO.1 Aliaskar Road O/O REGISTRAR CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AT BENGALURU

PETITIONERS	RESPONDENTS
1. Dispute No. ANI/ H&M/ D-2/ MD/ 122/ 2021-22 **Sri. Sateesh,** aged about 38 years, S/o Subhash, H. No. A-14, BSNL Officers quarters, 80 feet Road, Opp. Chinmay Mission Hospital, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560075 **and others** 2. Dispute No. ANI/ H&M/ D-2/ MD/ 123/ 2021-22 **Smt. Sheelavati S Kamalapurkar,** aged about 43 years, W/o Ravindra Hogtapur, H. No. A-14, BSNL Officers quarters, 80 feet Road, Opp. Chinmay Mission Hospital, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560075. 3. Dispute No. ANI/ H&M/ D-2/ MD/ 10/ 2022-23 **Smt. Mahananda R Biradar,** aged about 40 years, W/o Natraj Sangashetty, R/at No.116/2, AF-5, Sai Srinivasa Enclave, Green House Layout, Doddathogur, Electronic City, 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560 100.	1. **BSNL Information Technology, P.S.U and others House Building Co-operative Society Ltd.,** No.9, 1st Floor, above Lakshmi Vilas Bank, BB Road, Devanahalli, Bengaluru Rural District-562110 **rep., by its Secretary** 2. **B.N. Kiran Kumar,** (Ex-president) age about 48 years S/o Late Nagaraj, R/at Kota Indlu Village, Kalroadpalli Post, Kuppam Taluk, Chittur District, Andra Pradesh-517112 and working as Office Superintendent (G) in CSC BSNL Telephone Exchange office, Devanahalli. 3. **Smt. Meenakumari** (the secretary in the R-1 Society) age about 37 years D/o Nagajyothi R/at No.52, Channarayapattana Road, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural District -562110

Summons under Section 32 (2)(d) of Karnataka Co-operative Societies Act 1959

The Petitioners has filed the above disputes for recovery of the amount from the respondents jointly and severaly. Hence you are hereby called upon to appear **on 13.2.2023 at 11 A.M** through advocate or in person to answer the claim of the petitioners, failing which on the basis of the available documents, the case will be determined you placing as ex-parte.

This notice is issued under the seal and signature of the authority on 1.2.2023.

The Additional Registrar of Co-Operative Societies (H&M) at Bengaluru

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No: KSDB/EE/Mys-Div-2/Ap2022-23/IFT/2022-23 Date: 03-02-2023

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
(One cover & Two cover system)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

On behalf of the Commissioner, KSDB, Bangalore, The Executive Engineer, No.1 Division, Mysuru invites tender from eligible Tenderers for **02 Different Development works at various slums of Hassan District**. The Maximum approximate value of work is **Rs. 50,81,395/-.** Minimum approximate value of work is **Rs. 42,31,858/-.** The Maximum E.M.D Amount is **Rs. 1,01,650/-.** Minimum E.M.D Amount is **Rs. 85,000/-.** Tender notification, schedule, specification are available in the website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

1	Time & Date for Pre-Bid Meeting applicable for KW-3 (Two Cover System)	**07-02-2023 at 11.00 AM**
2	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries / Clarifications	**08-02-2023 upto 4.00 PM**
3	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	**10-02-2023 upto 4.00 PM**
4	Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid	**13-02-2023 at 11.00 AM**
5	Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid applicable for KW-3 (Two Cover System)	**16-02-2023 at 11.00 AM**
6	Place of Opening of Tender Documents	**Office of The Executive Engineer, No.1 Division, Mysore, Near Highway Circle, Java Factory Road Mysuru - 570001**

DIPR/CP/4499/AAPL/2022-23

Sd/- Executive Engineer KSDB, No.1 Division, Mysuru

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Office of the Executive Engineer KNNL MBC Division No.1
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No. KNNL/DN-1/PB/TND/2022-23/1836&1837 Date: 04.02.2023

SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION (4701)

Percentage tenders are invited from eligible KPWD contractor for the following 2 Turnkey works in Two cover through e-procurement portal according to standard tender document (KW-4) in prescribed form on behalf of the Managing Director KNNL Bangalore. Details and tender documents may be downloaded upto 17/02/2023, 16.00 hours through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and filled bids may be submitted through e-portal upto 17/02/2023 till 16.00 hours for the following works.

Conditions : 1.The Amount put to tenders are Rs. 82.50 Crores (I. No. 34080) & Rs. 100.61 Crores (I. No. 35771), 2.EMD Amounts are Rs. 82.50 Lakhs (I. No. 34080) & Rs. 100.61 Lakhs (I. No. 35771), 3.Pre Bid Meeting @ MD Office, KNNL, Bangalore – 10.02.2023, 11.00 hours, 4.Date of queries for tender date- 15.02.2023, till 17.00 hours 5.Tender documents maybe downloaded and filled bids may be submitted through e-procurement portal upto 17.02.2023 till 16.00 hours, 6.Date of opening of Tender, a)Technical bid:20.02.2023, 11.00 hours, b)Financial bid: After approval of Cover-1 whichever is later. 7.Further information regarding additional conditions can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone 08354-297046 and e-procurement helpline and see the tender details on website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
KNNL MBC DN.No.1 Gaddanakeri, Camp.Bagalkote
DIPR/BGK/RO-NO-845/KSMCA/2022-23

SLOW AND STEADY

Brathwaite, Tagenarine make a sedate start on truncated day

West Indies openers Kraigg Brathwaite and Tagenarine Chanderpaul scored unbeaten half-centuries before rain stopped play on the first day of the first Test against Zimbabwe on Saturday.
The scores: West Indies 112/0 in 51 overs (K. Brathwaite 55 batting, Tagenarine Chanderpaul 55 batting) vs Zimbabwe.

MAKING A POINT

Took provisional suspension for swift resolution of case: Dipa

Indian gymnastics ace Dipa Karmakar, handed a 21-month ban for failing a dope test, said on Saturday she accepted provisional suspension to swiftly resolve her case with the international federation. Dipa, however, claimed that she "unknowingly ingested" the prohibited substance Higenamine.

REPRIMANDED

Valencia's Paulista suspended for two games for foul on Vinicius

Valencia defender Gabriel Paulista will miss two games for his dangerous foul of Vinícius Junior after the Spanish football federation's disciplinary committee added another game to his suspension. Paulista kicked at Vinicius' legs after the Brazil forward got past him in the 72nd minute of Madrid's 2-0 win over Valencia.

FIRING AWAY

Thunderbolts power past Torpedoes in PVL opener

Kolkata Thunderbolts made a winning start in the second season of the Prime Volleyball League, registering a thrilling 3-2 victory against Bengaluru Torpedoes in Bengaluru on Saturday. Thunderbolts sealed the issue in the first three sets before Torpedoes won the last two.

McDonald dispels Warner's exhaustion as 'myth'

The Australia head coach reveals that Green has an outside chance to play first Test in Nagpur; skipper Cummins says that the Aussies could rely on their pace battery to get 20 wickets

AUSTRALIA IN INDIA

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Upbeat: Cummins, seen with McDonald, reposed faith in his pacers. K. MURALI KUMAR

Australia all-rounder Cameron Green is making good progress in his recovery from a finger injury, but he still only has an outside chance of playing the first Test against India at Nagpur.

"We have a fair bit to work through before the first Test. I wouldn't say he was in discomfort when he was bowling. [When Green was batting] One of the deliveries jarred the bottom of the bat, and that can create discomfort for anyone," Australia head coach Andrew McDonald said in a press conference here on Saturday.

Significant steps

"There is awareness around the finger. He has made some significant steps forward in the last couple of days, to my surprise. There's still an outside chance that if everything goes well, he might be on the team sheet [for Nagpur]," McDonald said.

Green, an attacking batter, is unlikely to be picked as a specialist bowler.

The Australian team is going through the paces at a training camp in Alur Cricket Ground here, and will travel to Nagpur on Monday. The first Test commences on Feb. 9.

Opener David Warner had sounded alarm bells when he stated that he was exhausted ahead of the tour to India. McDonald, however, dispelled this as a "myth", adding that Warner will be keen to correct his sub-par record in India.

"I haven't noticed any fatigue in Warner. I would dispel that as a myth. He's had a couple of days off from training. We're managing each individual around their needs," McDonald said.

"He's really looking forward to the challenge of India. It's been well documented that he hasn't had the series that he would've liked here... I think you'll see him fully invigorated, fully invested and fully recharged for the challenge ahead," McDonald said.

Captain Pat Cummins did not subscribe to the commonly held view that teams must play two spinners in India. Australia, which misses the services of ace quick Mitchell Starc due to injury, could rely on its pace battery to get 20 wickets, Cummins said.

"It is not a given [playing two spinners]. It is very dependant on conditions. Once we get to Nagpur, we will see. When talking about playing a couple of spinners, you forget how good our fast bowlers have been in all conditions. Even on the SCG wickets, there wasn't much in it for the quicks, our quicks found a way. We've got plenty of bowling options here – finger-spin, wrist-spin, left-arm, Starc when he comes back. We'll pick the bowlers we think can take 20 wickets," Cummins said.

We are motivated to do what the India u-19 players did: Harmanpreet

ICC WOMEN'S T20 WC

Sports Bureau

Who will rule the world? Come February 26, one of the 10 skippers will lift the coveted trophy.
ICC VIA GETTY IMAGES

India's Harmanpreet Kaur said the senior squad was determined to emulate the under-19 team which won the World Cup recently.

Speaking at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup Captains' Day, she said: "After watching the under-19 World Cup, we are motivated to do what they have done. They have motivated us to do well, they have done it and we have not done it yet.

"It was a very special moment for all of us and after watching the under-19 players, many girls back home will also want to play cricket. Our aim is to motivate young girls who can come and play cricket," Harmanpreet said.

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 will be held from February 10 to 26 in South Africa.

What the other captains said:

Meg Lanning (Australia): It's great to be here and we've been looking forward to this tournament for a while. We've spent a couple of days getting used to the new climate – it's pretty hot here – and there's some amazing things to see and experience.

We're pumped to be here. World Cups are always massive to be a part of and we're looking forward to taking on everyone else in our pool and, hopefully, playing well."

Sophie Devine (New Zealand): Taking part in a World Cup is such a special moment. This is an awesome opportunity to show off our beautiful game to the rest of the world.

Sune Luus (South Africa): I'm extremely excited to be here as part of this historic moment for South African cricket, hosting a women's T20 World Cup for the very first time.

As a team, we're really excited to be representing our nation here at home and we're looking forward to doing everything we can to keep the trophy here at home.

Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka): In Sri Lanka, a lot of young girls are beginning to play cricket because they are looking up to our team and me. The support we have been getting from back home has been really great.

Nigar Sultana (Bangladesh): We were so happy to qualify for this tournament. So many of us have played cricket for many years, but this is only our fifth T20 World Cup.

Bismah Maroof (Pakistan): We have improved as a team over the years and this tournament gives us another opportunity to test ourselves.

Heather Knight (England): In a T20 World Cup, you don't have much chance to slip up and our sole focus is on that.

Laura Delany (Ireland): After we didn't qualify for the last World Cup, cricket in Ireland has changed massively over the last three or four years.

The introduction of full-time contracts has now allowed us to train on a full-time basis but now guarantees us games against the best sides in the world.

Hayley Matthews (West Indies): We've had the tri-series between India, South Africa and our team. It was a really great opportunity to be down here and get acclimatised to the conditions and see where we're at with our game.

A good opportunity for us to get out there in a T20 World Cup in a place we've been quite a lot over the last couple of years.

India's group schedule:
Feb. 12: vs. Pakistan (Cape Town).
Feb. 15: vs. West Indies (Cape Town).
Feb. 18: vs. England (Gqeberha).
Feb. 20: vs. Ireland (Gqeberha).
All India matches start at 6.30 p.m. IST.

Struggling Everton ambushes table-topper Arsenal

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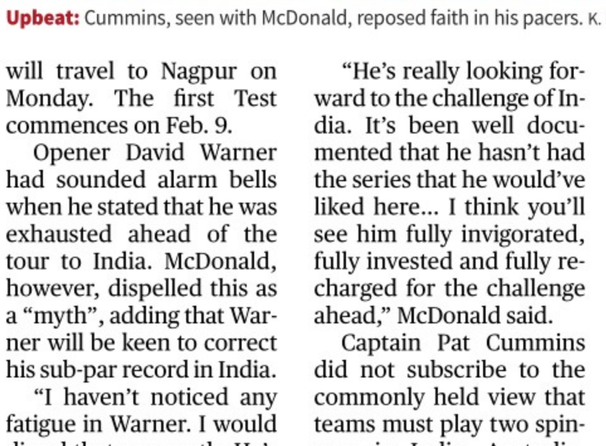

Celebration time: Tarkowski celebrates after heading in Everton's winner against Arsenal. AFP

Arsenal lost in the Premier League for just the second time this season on Saturday as Everton pulled off a surprising 1-0 win in its first match under new manager Sean Dyche.

A couple of Dyche's former players at Burnley did the job for him at a lively Goodison Park. James Tarkowski headed in an in-swinging corner to the far post from Dwight McNeil for the winning goal in the 60th minute, capping a performance of intensity and desire from a team that started in next-to-last place.

Manchester United was left counting the cost of Casemiro's red card in the 2-1 win against Crystal Palace. The Brazilian was sent off in the second half for grabbing Palace midfielder Will Hughes by the neck and will now serve a three-match ban for violent conduct.

Liverpool's troubles continued as it lost to Wolves 0-3 while Brentford moved into the top six with a 3-0 win over Southampton.

Sebastien Haller crowned his recent return from testicular cancer with an emotional goal for Borussia Dortmund while Union Berlin knocked Bayern Munich off the top of the Bundesliga standings with a dramatic win over Mainz.

On Friday, Enzo Fernandez made his Chelsea debut, but the Blues were held 0-0 by Fulham.

The results: Premier League: Everton 1 (Tarkowski 60) bt Arsenal 0; Aston Villa 2 (Watkins 9, Souttar 32-og) lost to Leicester 4 (Maddison 12, Iheanacho 41, Tete 45, Praet 79); Brentford 3 (Mee 41, Mbeumo 44, Jensen 80) bt Southampton 0; Brighton 1 (Mitoma 87) bt Bournemouth 0; Manchester United 2 (Fernandes 7-pen, Rashford 62) bt Crystal Palace 1 (Schlupp 76); Wolves 3 (Matip 5-og, Dawson 12, Neves 71) bt Liverpool 0.
Bundesliga: Borussia Dortmund 5 (Schlotterbeck 26, Adeyemi 48, Haller 51, Brandt 69, Reyna 82) bt Freiburg 1 (Hoeler 45); Union Berlin 2 (Behrens 32, Jordan 84) bt Mainz 1 (Ingvartsen 78).
On Friday: Premier League: Chelsea 0 drew with Fulham 0.
LaLiga: Athletic Bilbao 4 (Sancet 10, 35, 75, Alvarez 43) bt Cadiz 1 (Escalante 25).

Sportstar's East Sports Conclave: Ganguly to deliver keynote address

Sports Bureau

Sourav Ganguly. FILE PHOTO

Leander Paes. FILE PHOTO

Former India cricket team captain Sourav Ganguly will deliver the keynote address at *Sportstar*'s first-ever East Sports Conclave on Monday in Kolkata, where a host of speakers will discuss key issues pertaining to the sports ecosystem in the region.

West Bengal Sports Minister Aroop Biswas will deliver the inaugural address at the full-day conclave, which will have different segments, including a conversation on how traditional clubs have helped in the promotion of sports in the region.

Olympic bronze medallist Leander Paes, in a special address, will trace his journey from Kolkata to the podium in Atlanta, while also presenting his own take on how Bengal can contribute to creating future Olympic champions.

Former Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami, who has the most number of wickets in women's ODIs, will be joined by Indian Premier League Governing Council member Avishek Dalmiya and former India spinner Saradindu Mukherjee in a conversation about how aspiring cricketers in this part of the country can be assured of a brighter future.

Olympian Dola Banerjee (archery), Olympic field hockey gold medallist Gurbux Singh and India's second chess Grandmaster Dibyendu Barua will be part of a panel to discuss Bengal's sporting dreams.

There will also be a panel featuring the top brass of Kolkata football giants – ATK Mohun Bagan, Emami East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting – to elaborate on the road ahead for the sport.

'Catch them young'

Dr. Ramanuj Ganguly, president of the West Bengal Board of Secondary Education, will headline a session called 'Catch them young: how to revolutionise school and college sports'.

The Conclave will be held in association with Hero We Care – a Hero Motocorp CSR Initiative, Indian Oil, Shiv-Naresh, Rau's IAS Study Circle, Pinnacle Infotech, Maithan Alloys Ltd., Merlin Group, SRMB, Techno India Group's Sister Nivedita University and Indian Bank.

The event can be followed live on *sportstar.thehindu.com*.

UAE favourite to host Asia Cup tournament

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) will decide on an alternate venue for the Asia Cup ODI tournament in March after BCCI secretary Jay Shah and PCB chairman Najam Sethi had their first formal meeting in Bahrain on Saturday.

The Asia Cup was initially allotted to Pakistan and was scheduled in September this year but Shah, who is also the ACC chairman, had announced last October that India will not travel to Pakistan.

It is understood that United Arab Emirates with three venues – Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah – is the favourite to host the tournament but the decision has been withheld for the time being.

All heads of the ACC member nations attended the emergent meeting which was called at the behest of PCB chairman Sethi.

INBRIEF

Scorchers beat Heat to win fifth Big Bash League title

Teenager Cooper Connolly's big hitting at the death and skipper Ashton Turner's heroic 53 saw Perth Scorchers beat Brisbane Heat to win an unprecedented fifth Twenty20 Big Bash League title on Saturday. Their fireworks propelled the defending champion to 178/5 and a nail-biting five-wicket win with four balls left after Brisbane put on 175/7.

Sreenidi on top of I-League after win over Churchill

Sreenidi Deccan FC scored a 3-0 win against Churchill Brothers FC in the Hero I-League football at the Deccan Arena, Hyderabad, on Saturday. David Castaneda, Ramhlunchhunga and Louis Ogana scored the goals in the second half to put Sreenidi Deccan FC back on top of the Hero I-League standings.

The result: Sreenidi Deccan FC 3 (David Castaneda 55-pen, Ramhlunchhunga 70, Louis Ogana 90+3) bt Churchill Brothers 0.

Neuer dismisses calls to step down from Germany duty

Germany goalkeeper Manuel Neuer has brushed off calls to step down from the national side, saying he's "sure" he will return from a serious leg injury to play international football again. The 36-year-old, who won the 2014 FIFA World Cup, said he has told coach Hansi Flick he would come back.

Prajwal Dev wins doubles title along with Nathan Seateun

S.D. Prajwal Dev and Nathan Seateun of France beat Egor Agafonov and Vladislav Ivanov 6-3, 6-7(8), [10-7] in the doubles final of the $15,000 ITF men's tennis tournament in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, on Saturday. It was the third doubles title in the professional circuit for the 26-year-old Prajwal.

Babukaran's strike gets Rainbow HC full points

Babukaran's 44th minute winner helped Rainbow HC beat 5C Sports Club 3-2 in the KSHA Super Division hockey league in Bengaluru on Saturday.

The results: Rainbow HC 3 (Surya 15, Karnasiva 30, Babukaran 44) bt 5C SC 2 (Abbas 16, 39); V Raja HC 4 (Neeraj 20, Gurpreet 36, 40, Deepak 46) bt Shlok HC 2 (Yeshwanth 23, Sugan 27).

1500 players to take part in Khelo India Winter Games

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur on Saturday said 1500 athletes from across the country will take part in the Khelo India Winter Games, scheduled to start in Gulmarg in North Kashmir from February 10.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1, MTV (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 a.m.
KIYG 2023: Star Sports 3, DD Sports, Hotstar & FanCode, 10 a.m. onwards
BWF Thailand Masters: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 10.30 a.m.
Zimbabwe vs West Indies: 1st Test, day 2, FanCode, 1.30 p.m.
I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 4.30 p.m.
Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m.; Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 1.30 a.m. (Monday)
PVL 2023: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 10 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 8 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 p.m.

Parth Bhut's maiden five-for takes Saurashtra into the semifinals

The left-arm spinning all-rounder steals the thunder with a century and fifty besides an eight-wicket match-haul to deny Punjab

RANJI TROPHY

Shayan Acharya
RAJKOT

After five days of high-intensity cricket, Saurashtra rode on Parth Bhut's maiden five-for (five for 89) to defeat Punjab by 71 runs and storm into the semifinals of the Ranji Trophy.

It was an outing to remember for the left-arm spinner Bhut at the Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium as he initially bailed Saurashtra out with a century in the first innings and a 51 in the second essay, and then tore apart Punjab middle-order. Bhut finished with an eight-wicket match-haul.

Memorable outing: Bhut had a great time in the match, both with the bat and the ball. SHAYAN ACHARYA

Tricky target

Chasing 252 – a tricky target on a surface that aided the spinners as the day progressed – Punjab resumed the proceedings on 52 for two with debutant Pukhraj Mann (42, 119b, 5x4, 1x6) and nightwatchman Siddharth Kaul around.

But off the last ball of the fifth over, Bhut pitched it fuller outside off and even though Kaul defended it on the front-foot, he ended up getting an outside edge and was caught by Vishvaraj Jadeja at slip.

Captain Mandeep Singh (45, 128b, 4x4) tried forging a stand with Mann, but soon after the visiting team crossed the 100-run mark, Mann was trapped in front by Yuvraj Dodiya.

In the next over of Dharmendra Jadeja, who bagged three wickets, Punjab's hopes were further dented as Nehal Wadhera fell to a poor umpiring decision. Dharmendra got the ball to bounce unexpectedly and Wadhera shouldered arms. The ball shot up, and it looked to have gone off his elbow on the way to the wicketkeeper, but the on-field umpire raised his fingers, much to Punjab's surprise. The team went to lunch trailing by 123 runs.

Pubjab skipper Anmolpreet Singh, who looked comfortable, was dropped at gully at the beginning of the second session. He failed to survive longer and was dismissed by Dodiya shortly after Punjab brought up its 150.

As the Saurashtra players rejoiced, Punjab hoped for a turnaround but, with captain Mandeep caught at gully and Mayank Markande allowing Bhut to complete his five-for after offering an edge to Prerak Mankad at first slip, Punjab's chances of making it to the last-four went up in the smoke as it was bundled out for 180.

The scores:
Saurashtra — 1st innings: 303.
Punjab — 1st innings: 431.
Saurashtra — 2nd innings: 379.
Punjab — 2nd innings: Prabhsimran Singh lbw b Bhut 22, Naman Dhir c Jackson b Bhut 11, Pukhraj Mann lbw b Dodiya 42, Siddharth Kaul c Vishvaraj Jadeja b Bhut 10, Mandeep Singh c Vishvaraj Jadeja b Bhut 45, Nehal Wadhera c Desai b Dharmendra Jadeja 2, Anmolpreet Singh c Patel b Dodiya 26, Anmol Malhotra c Desai b Dharmendra Jadeja 16, Mayank Markande c Mankad b Bhut 2, Vinay Choudhary c Desai b Dharmendra Jadeja 3, Baltej Singh (not out) 1; Extras: 0; Total: (in 89.1 overs): 180.
Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-50, 3-66, 4-104, 5-107, 6-156, 7-160, 8-166, 9-179.
Saurashtra bowling: Dharmendra Jadeja 38.1-13-56-3, Bhut 33-6-89-5, Dodiya 18-5-35-2.
Semifinal line-up: Feb. 8 to 12: Madhya Pradesh vs Bengal (Indore); Karnataka vs Saurashtra (Bengaluru).

Holger Rune delivers for Denmark, India loses 2-3

DAVIS CUP

Sports Bureau

World No. 9 Holger Rune drove host Denmark past India by winning all his three matches, in singles and doubles, in the Davis Cup World Group playoff tie at Royal Stage, Hillerod in Denmark. Prajnesh Gunneswaran's 6-4, 7-6(1) win over Elmer Moller in the final rubber reduced the hosts' victory margin to 3-2.

Silver lining: Nagal's win against Holmgren in the second rubber pulled India level before it lost the plot. AFP

The 19-year-old Rune was in a spot of bother in the reverse singles against Sumit Nagal on Saturday, after having helped the host nose ahead with a straight forward doubles win in partnership with Johannes Ingildsen, against Rohan Bopanna and Yuki Bhambri.

However, with Sumit serving at 5-3, 40-15, Rune came up with the right shots to wriggle out of trouble.

Rune was struggling with his serve for most part of the first set, facing breakpoints in almost every game. The trend looked to continue till he fired two aces to save two breakpoints at 15-40 in the first game of the second set. Thereafter, there was no way Sumit could catch up with Rune who stepped up his game and intensity to sail through.

It was a disappointment for India that the team could not fight well in doubles, with Bopanna not being at his best.

The fact that captain Rohit Rajpal had planned the contest only on three players, with Prajnesh Gunneswaran and Ramkumar Ramanathan cooling their heels, could also be considered injudicious.

India had beaten Denmark on grass at the Delhi Gymkhana Club last year, but the current team was considerably enhanced by the presence of a world-class player whose execution matched the expectations of the team.

The results: Denmark bt India 3-2 [Holger Rune bt Yuki Bhambri 6-2, 6-2; August Holmgren lost to Sumit Nagal 6-4, 3-6, 4-6; Rune & Johannes Ingildsen bt Bhambri & Rohan Bopanna 6-2, 6-4; Rune bt Nagal 7-5, 6-3; Elmer Moller lost to Prajnesh Gunneswaran 4-6, 6-7(1)].

Olympics: echoes of boycott era as Ukraine vs IOC intensifies

Associated Press
LAUSANNE

A contest that could define the 2024 Paris Olympics is playing out 18 months before medals are awarded. It's giving the International Olympic Committee a political challenge with echoes of the 1980s.

Ukraine fired up its campaign on Friday to have Russia and military ally Belarus excluded from the next Summer Games with talk in Kyiv of a boycott and support from sympathetic governments in the Baltics and elsewhere in Europe.

The IOC responded in a statement that "it is regretful that politicians are misusing athletes and sport as tools to achieve their political objectives."

By citing human rights arguments – that no athlete should face discrimination just for the passport they hold – the IOC has seemed ready to punish the protesting parties rather than the aggressors in the war.

The IOC has pointed to its own rules and Olympic history to make its case.

It is the document of rules that "governs the organization, action and operation of the Olympic Movement and sets forth the conditions for the celebration of the Olympic Games." It does say that each of 206 national Olympic committees (NOCs) is obliged to participate in the Olympic Games by sending athletes.

At loggerheads: IOC chief Thomas Bach and Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky in Kyiv in July 2022.AFP

What it does not say is any kind of clear framework for acting against Russia and Belarus in the current situation.

No team has boycotted the Olympics since North Korea snubbed the neighbouring South for the 1988 Seoul Summer Games.

That closed a different period in Olympic history after significant boycotts at each Summer Games from 1976 through 1984.

A swath of African countries stayed away from Montreal in 1976 because New Zealand would be there soon after its iconic rugby team toured South Africa.

The United States led the largest boycott in 1980. More than 60 teams refused to go to Moscow after the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan. IOC president Thomas Bach was among the West Germany athletes who could not go, denying him the chance to defend the team fencing title.

ATK MB meets a resurgent BFC

ISL-9

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

ATK Mohun Bagan will look to repeat another successful outing at home when it meets a resurgent Bengaluru FC in a match week-18 fixture of the ISL-9, at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Sunday.

The Mariners would hope to keep their unbeaten record against the Blues intact.

The journey in the second phase of the tournament has not been very smooth for ATK Mohun Bagan as it drew two, lost two, and won two of its last six outings. ATK Mohun Bagan is currently in the fourth spot with 27 points from 15 matches.

"This match is very important because we are playing at home. Bengaluru FC's performance has improved over the last few matches. I know it is important for them to get into the play-offs but we are confident and our target is to get three points," said the ATKMB head coach Juan Ferrando.

After faltering through the greater part of the tournament, Bengaluru FC is gaining momentum towards the end. The Blues, on 22 points from 16, have won their last four outings and will be keen to pick up the fifth win and break into the play-off zone. "We are coming into this game with confidence after winning the last four games. I believe that records are there to be broken, so why not get our first win in Kolkata," said BFC head coach Simon Grayson.

Hitesh times his maiden goal to perfection, helps HFC hold MCFC

ISL-9

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Hyderabad FC put on a spirited display at the Mumbai Football Arena on Saturday, bouncing back from a goal down to register a point at the home of the league leader Mumbai City FC.

Jorge Pereyra Diaz scored from the spot in the 23rd minute before Hitesh Sharma (65) scored his first ISL goal in an exciting encounter. Both teams looked rough at the start and it was the first real attack of the night that saw Bipin Singh in plenty of space at the far post. The cross was good and the header was goal-bound but it struck Nikhil Poojary's arm and the referee pointed to the spot.

Chipping in: Hitesh stepped up to the plate for Hyderabad in the match against leader Mumbai City. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

Pereyra Diaz made no mistake as Mumbai City took the lead and managed to hold on to it till the end of the first half, but not without drama. First it was Rostyn Griffiths with a rash challenge that could have seen him sent off.

Bartholomew Ogbeche, Joel Chianese, Yasir and Halicharan Narzary started to make some inroads but it was Hitesh's late run from deep that helped the team broke through. Yasir laid the perfect ball for Hitesh, who did really well to find the corner from a tight angle. Hyderabad pushed on, throwing on the likes of Javi Siverio, Abdul Rabeeh and Sahil Tavora but the hosts carved a couple of chances that had to be saved.

Gurmeet Singh, who has been in top form recently, had the answer time and again, and made sure that it ended all square. The draw broke Mumbai City's 11-game winning streak but it remained undefeated. It has 43 points from 17 games. Hyderabad remained second with 36 points from 16 games.

The results:
At Mumbai: Mumbai City FC 1 (Pereyra Diaz 23) drew with Hyderabad FC 1 (Hitesh 65).
At Guwahati: NorthEast United FC 0 lost to Jamshedpur FC 2 (Ritwik 39, Chukwu 57).